

Attachment A
Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA #: 2379 Point Rousse Port Expansion (the Project)

1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**).
- 1.2 "Department" means the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) release is:

Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
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- 1.3 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change.
- 1.4 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.5 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.6 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document

3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA release letter relates to Point Rousse Marine Terminal Ltd., hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for Point Rousse Port Expansion, EA REG # 2379, hereafter referred to as the "Project".
- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA release and their REG.

4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, unless otherwise advised by the Minister.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the Act, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.5 This EA release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to the Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA release, the conditions of this EA release shall apply.
- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA release, the Act or the Environmental Assessment Regulations.
- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA release.
- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.

4.15 The Proponent shall advise the EA Division by email of when the requirements of conditions of release have been completed, by providing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate the completion of requirements. Information shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca. The Minister will advise the Proponent in writing of whether the condition(s) of release have been met.

5 Water Resources

5.1 The Proponent shall submit a Water Resources Management Plan to the Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change for review and approval prior to commencing any work related to the Project. To prepare the plan, contact Water Rights, Investigations and Modelling Section at waterinvestigations@gov.nl.ca. All approved plans will be posted publicly on the EA project webpage.

6 Habitat, Flora and Fauna

6.1 Proponent shall conduct the following surveys prior to construction or any ground disturbance for all proposed, previously undisturbed areas. Contact the Wildlife Division to obtain survey protocols (WildlifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca, *e-mail subject line EA 2379*). Proponent shall submit digital geospatial data of species detected, and where applicable, survey tracks associated with the following surveys:

- A targeted survey for Black Ash and Red Pine along the proposed road and laydown areas.
- A pre-clearing survey of all large trees and snags with a diameter at breast height of greater than 25 cm for potential bat roosts should any trees be removed between May 1 to Sept 1. If an active bat colony is detected, a no-cut buffer of 250 metres must be applied and information including geospatial location data sent immediately to the Wildlife Division. A subsequent bat emergence survey must be conducted in the fall to confirm that juvenile bats have fledged and dispersed from the site. Where possible, the colony tree must be maintained on the landscape for bats returning from hibernation in the following spring.

7 Employment, Benefits Plan

7.1 The Proponent shall develop a Women's Employment Plan to be reviewed and approved by the Minister Responsible for Women and Gender Equality prior to commencement of Project construction. Approved plans will be posted publicly on the EA project webpage.



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