



January 5, 2021

Mr. Stefan Crampton
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Transmitted via Email

**Re: Deltaport Expansion, Berth Four Project (Reference Number 81010)
Temporary Time Limit Suspension Request – Planning Phase for Impact
Assessment**

Dear Mr. Crampton:

Global Container Terminals (GCT), the proponent for the Deltaport Expansion, Berth Four Project (DP4), requests that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) suspend the timeline for the Planning Phase under the *Impact Assessment Act* to facilitate ongoing alignment of the timelines of the federal and provincial assessment processes, and to provide GCT further time to prepare and consult on the DP4 Detailed Project Description. To achieve this, GCT requests that the timeline for the federal process resume when the Agency accepts the Detailed Project Description, concurrent with the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) issuing an EA Readiness Decision under the BC *Environmental Assessment Act*.

This request follows recent meetings with the Agency, EAO and GCT, whereby the Agency and EAO acknowledged the importance of aligning and coordinating their respective assessment processes to achieve an efficient “one project, one assessment” approach, including coordinated timelines.

GCT is currently developing a Detailed Project Description that is focussed on considering the issues raised through early engagement on the Initial Project Description, including those described in the joint Summary of Issues and Engagement Report provided to GCT on December 23, 2020. The Detailed Project Description will meet the information requirements of both processes and support the timely advancement of the DP4 assessment process, including the Notice of Determination by the Agency and the EA Readiness Decision by the EAO.

GCT is dedicated to advancing the review of DP4 in a timely and efficient manner and appreciates the commitment of the Agency and EAO to coordinate their assessment processes. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mike McLellan at 604-267-5195 (mmclellan@globalterminals.com).

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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