

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is undergoing a federal environmental assessment by an independent review panel, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. The Project is also undergoing an assessment under the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act* and requires other permits and authorizations before it can proceed.

The environmental assessment process for the Project is anticipated to take two to three years. There will be multiple opportunities for public comment throughout the process.

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

On January 7, 2014, the Minister of the Environment, who is responsible for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) referred the Project to an independent review panel, the most rigorous form of environmental assessment in Canada.

Following a public comment period, the final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines were issued on January 7, 2014, setting out the information Port Metro Vancouver must provide in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The scope of the Project for the purposes of the environmental assessment includes all Project components and physical activities outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines, including marine, road and rail transportation within Port Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction.

The key steps and timelines for the federal environmental assessment process are summarized below:



PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

On December 19, 2014, the B.C. Minister of Environment issued an order under section 14 of the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act*, establishing the Province's procedures and methods for conducting the environmental assessment for the Project.

The Minister ordered that:

- The scope of the Project is as defined by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in the EIS Guidelines;
- The scope of the assessment must include factors established by the federal Minister and potential adverse environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects, including cumulative effects, and practicable means to mitigate such potential adverse environmental effects, and potential adverse effects on Aboriginal groups;
- The B.C. Environmental Assessment Office will principally rely on the environmental assessment to be conducted by the federal review panel, and on consultation conducted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency with Aboriginal groups whose interests are potentially affected by the Project; and
- The Environmental Assessment Office must make a recommendation to the B.C. Minister within 30 days of receiving notice of the decision from the federal Minister.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Port Metro Vancouver has submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which provides information about the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, identifies potential effects and benefits of the Project, and describes mitigation measures to reduce potential Project effects. The EIS has been prepared according to the "Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project", issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in January 2014.

The information presented in the EIS is intended to satisfy both federal and provincial environmental assessment requirements.

About the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is a proposed new three-berth container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta, B.C., on Canada's west coast. The Project would provide 2.4 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of container capacity. Port Metro Vancouver proposes to build the Project to meet increasing demand for containerized trade on the west coast of Canada.

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