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Dear Resident and/or Business Operator,

Re: Update on Dredging and Reclamation Activities - Port Botany Container Terminal Expansion Project

The design and construction for the Port Botany Container Terminal Expansion is being carried out under deed to Sydney Ports Corporation by Baulderstone Jan de Nul Consortium. Construction is due for completion in March 2011.

Reclamation and Compaction Activities

Dredging activities commenced in Botany Bay in September 2008 and will continue until approximately March 2010.

Land reclamation activities have been ongoing. This involves dredged sands being placed, contoured and compacted for the new container terminal and the new recreational boat ramp.

One of the compaction methodologies involves the use of a 'Dynamic Compactor' which is dropping a single weight from a certain height to compact sand. Some residents could potentially feel vibrations as a result of this activity. Vibration monitoring has been conducted in some residential areas and monitoring results have confirmed that the vibration is perceptible and can be felt at times. However, the monitoring results also indicate that vibration levels are well below NSW DECC guidelines for any potential structural damage resulting from this activity.

You may recall you were advised in February that dynamic compaction activities were expected to continue until early April 2009. This activity has now extended until approximately May 2009. Dynamic Compaction activities will be conducted in a number of locations including the reclaimed area across for Foreshore Beach as well as area adjacent to Penryhn Road for the construction of the inter-terminal access corridor. This particular activity will then cease and will not commence again until approximately October 2009.

Ongoing Dredging

The cutter suction dredge called '*Leonardo Da Vinci*' has been on site since late February along with several associated working barges. These vessels are located within the defined construction zone. This dredge is due to leave site in April 2009.

All dredging and reclamation activities involve short term increases of suspended solids/cloudy water or turbidity. To minimise this effect in the water, specially designed silt curtains have been installed between the third runway and Brotherson Dock and around the protected seagrass area near the north end of the work zone. Stringent NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change turbidity criteria must be met at all times during dredging activities. All dredging activities thus far have met all DECC water quality criteria.

Turbidity and other water quality parameters will continue to be monitored as required by the DECC Dredging Licence and the Project's water quality monitoring program.

Monthly environmental monitoring reports and Question and Answer sheets about dredging and turbidity is available on the website or on request on the telephone number below.

To find out more about these activities or the Project, or to register a concern or complaint about any activities related to this Project, please contact the Project Information Line (free call) on 1800 177 722, or alternatively visit the website at www.sydneyports.com.au or send an email to portbotany@boulderstone.com.au

BH-JDN apologises for any inconvenience that this work may cause, and appreciates your patience whilst these activities are carried out in your area.

Yours faithfully,
BH-JDN Port Botany Consortium



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