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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

STATEMENT

Tsawwassen First Nation Statement on Roberts Bank Terminal 2

June 8, 2023

TSAWWASSEN LANDS, BC

In April of this year, the Government of Canada approved Roberts Bank Terminal 2 following an environmental assessment process that started in 2013. Tsawwassen is very concerned about any and all development on our foreshore. Our focus throughout the entire environmental assessment was advocating for the best possible mitigation and accommodation measures in the event that Roberts Bank Terminal 2 was approved.

We are satisfied with how far we were able to push the mitigation and accommodation measures for addressing impacts to Tsawwassen's Treaty rights. On that basis, we have provided consent for the project, however, we are not advocating for it. The 370 legally binding conditions set out in federal approval of RBT2 give Tsawwassen a significant oversight role in regard to the construction and implementation of the project, as do the terms of agreements between Tsawwassen and the Port Authority. We intend to exercise that authority to ensure that the Port Authority is held to the highest standards at all times.

In 2021, Tsawwassen First Nation signed a relationship agreement with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. This agreement guides collaborative work in Tsawwassen traditional territory, including any work associated with Roberts Bank Terminal 2. Through this agreement, a framework has been established for Tsawwassen First Nation and the Port Authority to work together to uphold and advance the rights of Tsawwassen First Nation members and we will rely on this agreement to continue to ensure Tsawwassen Treaty Rights are protected throughout this process. We understand other First Nations are also advancing their interests in relation to the project. Tsawwassen will not oppose those efforts, provided there is no impact to our rights.

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