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Sent by email: [REDACTED]

Dear Fiona

### **Notification of Fast-track approvals application for the Stella Passage Development**

We are writing to formally advise you as a relevant local authority under section 4 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (Act) that Port of Tauranga Limited (POTL) is applying under the Act for the necessary consents and approvals to undertake the Stella Passage Development, which is a project that is listed in Schedule 2 of the Act (Development).

POTL is proposing to lodge its application at the end of the first quarter, 2025.

The Development comprises the following activities for which resource consent is being sought (a map of this proposed development is also attached to this letter for your reference):



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- a) 385m extension to the Sulphur Point wharf and the erection of associated cranes;
- b) 1.81ha reclamation at Sulphur Point;
- c) 315m extension to the Mount Maunganui wharf;
- d) 1.59ha reclamation at the Mount Maunganui wharf;
- e) Construction of mooring and breasting Dolphins North and South of the Tanker Berth;
- f) Construction of minor structures and 0.18ha reclamation associated with Butters Landing; and
- g) Extension of the shipping channel to 10.55ha and the associated dredging of approximately 1,500,000m<sup>3</sup> of material, of which 5.9ha and 800,000m<sup>3</sup> is already consented (consent number 62920).

Section 30 of the Act requires POTL to notify Bay of Plenty Regional Council of its application, and for the Council to then to issue a written notice under s 30(3) to POTL advising if either:

- a) there is any existing resource consent to which s 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply if POTL's activity were to be applied for as a resource consent under that Act; or
- b) there are no existing resource consents of that kind.

If (a) were to apply, there would then be a further process to be followed. However, it is POTL's understanding that there are no existing resource consents of the kind referred to in (a). We would therefore appreciate if the Council could provide us written notice pursuant to s 30(3) of the Act that there are no existing resource consents to which s 124(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply. POTL is unable to lodge its application with the Environmental Protection Agency until such written notice is received (see s 30(6) of the Act).

If you require any further information, have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us. We note that engagement in relation to the application will be occurring, and has already begun through POTL and its planning consultants, Mitchell Daysh.

Yours sincerely



**Dan Kneebone**  
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