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Mitsubishi Port Project is Moving Forward, Creating Jobs and Proposing Green Operations Aligned with the MCAS

Mitsubishi Cement Corporation (MCC) is moving forward with its proposed bulk cement berth, warehouse, and loading facility at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (TAMT) in the Port of San Diego. The Warehouse C project is a green project that aligns with the Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS) and supports an innovative electric truck demonstration project with the hope it will help accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles.

The MCC Warehouse C project will receive and store materials to make cement for distribution to ready-mix customers in the greater San Diego area. The customers will then transport and mix the material for concrete for customers across the region. The project will create jobs and provide local access to cement needed for housing, school upgrades, and infrastructure improvements.

“For two years we have been working to align with the MCAS and support the Port Commissioners’ move toward more sustainable operations,” said Austin Marshall, President of Mitsubishi Cement Corporation. “Our project addresses diesel truck emissions, consistent with the MCAS, with the important value of providing jobs and local access to cement – a fundamental building commodity that currently is primarily accessed by being trucked in from the High Desert or the Port of Long Beach.”

Since 2017, MCC has been working with the Port of San Diego to develop and present a proposal for the Warehouse C project that aligned with the Port’s attempts to sustainably future-proof the Port. The project’s Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was presented to the Board of Commissioners in 2020, and although no formal action was taken by the Board on the project, comments received helped inform updates to the proposed lease agreement and Final EIR. As a result, the MCC agreement and Final EIR have been updated so the project is consistent with the goals and intent of the Port’s Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS), AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP), and TAMT Redevelopment Plan. The proposed MCC Lease agreement has a provision focusing on emissions reductions with a supplementary Emissions Reductions Plan. The provision calls out MCAS goals for emissions reductions, including targets for zero-emission truck use and equivalent emissions reductions that go above and beyond the mitigation measures identified in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR).

MCC maintains the industry’s highest standards for environmental programs, meeting or exceeding California benchmarks – the toughest in the country – for air quality, water, waste, and energy management. MCC has been recognized for their award-winning environmental practices at the Port of Long Beach; the same practices that will be utilized in San Diego.

- Tier 4 construction equipment
- Electric shore power for ships to plug in, rather than idle

- Sealed electric pneumatic system for loading and offloading
- Warehouses equipped with baghouses for emission control
- Emission-controlled truck loadouts
- Truck idling restrictions and designated truck route requirements
- Annual technology reviews to identify and implement green technology as it becomes available

The project also proposes a innovative electric truck demonstration project by yielding valuable information on ZE truck use by a niche transportation sector that has not been the focus of heavy-duty ZE truck manufacturers.

Mitsubishi is committed to working with the community to achieve harmony between business and community and has established partnerships that create opportunities to communicate with the community about the project, and provide critical funding support to local nonprofit organizations, including the Barrio Logan College Institute, MANA de San Diego, San Diego Food Bank and the Perkins Elementary School.

The Mitsubishi Cement Corporation Warehouse C project is moving forward and the complete proposal including the Final EIR, Conditional Agreement and Emissions Reduction Plan are expected to be presented to the Port of San Diego San Diego Board of Commissioners for their consideration during a meeting later this year.

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Boilerplate:

Mitsubishi Cement manufactures all of the major types of Portland and Specialty cement used in the California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah markets.