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FRASER SURREY DOCKS UNDERTAKING ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ENHANCEMENTS FOR PROPOSED DIRECT TRANSFER COAL PROJECT

Surrey, BC, September 12, 2013 – Fraser Surrey Docks (FSD) will undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and additional enhancements as part of Port Metro Vancouver’s review of Fraser Surrey Dock’s proposed Direct Transfer Coal Facility.

“We are confident that our proposed Direct Transfer Coal Facility can handle coal safely and without significant impact to the community and the environment,” said Jeff Scott, President and CEO of Fraser Surrey Docks. “While we believe the coal dust mitigation measures we have planned were sufficient, we recognize the need for our neighbours and others to be reassured that every effort is being undertaken to ensure a safe project.”

At the request of Port Metro Vancouver, FSD is proposing additional coal dust control measures and has commissioned SNC-Lavalin to conduct an independent Environmental Impact Assessment of the project. The EIA is expected to be completed by the end of September at which time we will submit it to Port Metro Vancouver. In addition, FSD is incorporating the following new dust control enhancements for the project:

- A coal stockpile will no longer be used at the terminal. Originally it was proposed for use as a contingency in case a train arrived and no coal barges were available. To minimize the risk of this occurring, additional barges will be used and rail delivery schedules will be modified when necessary.
- BNSF Railway has voluntarily agreed to establish a re-spray facility, which will re-apply an approved “topping agent” to coal in loaded railcars. Topping agents are first applied at the mines in the Powder River Basin, located in Montana and Wyoming in the Western United States.
- A suppression and binding agent will also be added to the coal at FSD as it is being loaded onto the barges for transit to Texada Island to contain coal dust on the barges during transit. This is in addition to previously incorporated measures including profiling the coal on barges to reduce turbulence and preventing the coal from catching wind, adding water to wet the coal in the barges to prevent dusting and not operating the barges in wind conditions greater than 40 km/hour.

“We have carefully listened to community concerns and we believe these additional project components provide further certainty around dust mitigation for the terminal, rail and barge operations and represent a significant enhancement to an already safe and reliable proposal,” added Scott.

About Fraser Surrey Docks

Fraser Surrey Docks (FSD) is the largest multi-purpose marine terminal on the west coast of North America. It offers convenient road and rail access, minimizing transportation times, traffic volumes and its carbon footprint. FSD currently handles break bulk, project cargo, agriculture bulk, containers and forest products.

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