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The Port of
LONG BEACH
The Green Port

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Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95812

Subject: Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan—Draft Concept Paper

Dear Chairwoman Nichols and Board Members:

The Port of Long Beach (Port) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the *Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceed Investment Plan Draft Concept Paper* (Draft Concept Paper). The Port supports the efforts of the California Air Resources Board, and is committed to developing and implementing appropriate and effective strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollution associated with the movement of goods.

The availability of funding from the State's cap-and-trade auction proceeds will provide opportunities to advance the development of transformative technologies and approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from port operations. These include the development of zero-emissions transportation technologies, energy-efficiency/clean energy technologies, and the development of sustainable communities design strategies as identified in the *Draft Concept Paper*. Investment in these programs will further the State's AB 32 goals, and improve air quality for the most impacted neighborhoods surrounding the Port of Long Beach. Below, the Port has outlined several of its high-priority projects most compatible with AB 32 goals.

Low-Carbon Transportation and Infrastructure

The Port is actively engaged in the identification and demonstration of zero-emissions emission technologies, and funding is critical for the longer term implementation of zero-emissions emission technologies in port operations and in the region. The Port has developed a "roadmap" to provide direction for moving forward with the identification, evaluation, and integration of zero-emissions emission technologies into ongoing port-related goods movement. The Port is also participating in a collaborative of regional partner agencies including the Port of Los Angeles, Caltrans, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Southern California Association of Governments, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to promote consistency among the agencies to catalyze the development and deployment of zero-emissions trucks in Los Angeles County.

Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy

Port energy strategies range from LEED certification for buildings and demonstration projects for efficient and renewable generation technologies, to green leases and tenant

incentive programs. The Port is about to embark on a collaborative effort with the Port of Los Angeles, our respective utilities, local universities, and other stakeholders to find synergies for cost-effectiveness and technology advancement in energy management. Support from Cap-and-Trade Auction proceeds would help accelerate these programs and provide meaningful jobs in our region.

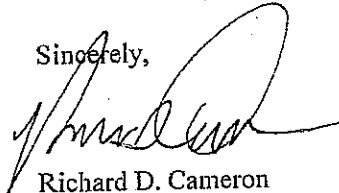
Sustainable Communities Strategies

While the successful collaborative work by the ports, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders have led to dramatic reductions in overall port-related air pollution and health risk, the West Long Beach neighborhood surrounding the Port bears a disproportionate share of the negative impacts from goods movement and industrial uses. As part of a collaborative effort with the City of Long Beach, the goods movement sector, nearby industrial businesses, and other community stakeholders, the Port is working to explore design strategies to incorporate the latest technologies, ideas, and practices to enhance open space and the environment, increase mobility, and improve public safety.

The Port is supportive of the preliminary concepts presented in the Draft Concept Paper, and recommends that funds raised through cap-and-trade auctions be allocated towards the advancement of port-related projects and programs to implement zero-emissions transportation technologies, energy efficiency/clean energy, and the development of sustainable communities design strategies, as identified in the Draft Concepts Paper.

We look forward to continued collaboration and coordination with the California Air Resources Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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