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Northport application (LU2200107 / APP.040976.01.01)

UPDATE TO POSITION OF SEAFUELS LIMITED

Seafuels Limited (“**Seafuels**”) filed a submission on the above resource consent application. That submission (dated 14 December 2022) opposed the application, and sought that resource consent not be granted until certain navigation safety concerns outlined by Seafuels were addressed, including to demonstrate that no adverse impacts will result on navigation, safety or functionality of vessels using the adjacent Channel Infrastructure Jetty 3.

Since filing that submission, Seafuels and Northport have engaged in constructive discussions about the application, and how to manage any potential effects on Seafuels. As a result of that continued engagement, Northport and Seafuels have agreed on measures to address the matters raised by Seafuels in its submission.

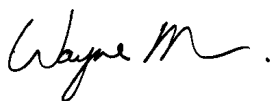
Based on this agreement, Seafuels now advises the consent authority of its updated position, being that it no longer opposes the application.

Against this context, Seafuels hereby withdraws the expert evidence it has previously filed with the Consent Authority. For completeness, the expert evidence now withdrawn is the statement of Mr Arbuthnot (Planning), dated 18 September 2023.

To avoid doubt, Seafuels’ submission remains in place (albeit reflecting the updated position, which is that it no longer opposes the application).

Should the consent authority have any questions regarding Seafuels’ updated position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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