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Dear Richard

Request for advice under section 56 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 regarding the Coastal Resources Limited Application – EEZ100015

We refer to your letter of 13 September 2018 requesting information concerning Coastal Resources Limited's (CRL's) deemed consent for the dumping of dredged material in the Northern Disposal Area (NDA).

We have considered your request in accordance with sections 56 and 158A of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012.

Please find below Maritime NZ's response to your questions regarding dumping permit number 568 granted to CRL under the Maritime Transport Act, on 31 October 2012, for the NDA (subsequently deemed consent EEZ100015). To the extent that Maritime NZ has redacted, or withheld, information from the enclosed documents we have relied on the following withholding grounds in the Official Information Act 1982:

- section 9(2)(a) – the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- section 9(2)(ba)(i) – the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

1. Please provide the DMC with any records of emergency dumping incident(s) associated with CRL's deemed consent, what caused the incident(s), and what was CRL's and Maritime NZ's response to the incident(s).

Three hundred cubic metres of dredged spoil was reported dumped from a powered barge at 1923 hours on 14 September 2015 at the position 36° 22.629' S and 175° 18.899' E.

The spoil, for disposal under CRL dumping permit 568, was from Sandspit marina.

The vessel operator advised Maritime NZ and the Auckland regional harbourmaster of the breakdown prior to the emergency dumping.

Subsequently, CRL and the vessel operator reported the incident to Maritime NZ, including the following information:

- an incident case report and notification of dumping from the vessel operator

- a notification of dumping from CRL in fulfilment of condition 31 of dumping permit 568
- a copy of the ship's log for the day of the incident
- a screen shot of the ship's GPS showing the time and position of the dumping operation.

Copies of these documents are attached.

Maritime NZ followed up the incident with a site visit to the vessel operator.

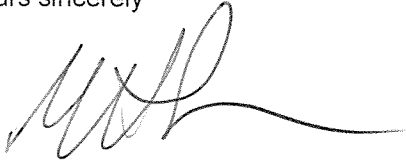
In June 2018, Maritime NZ conducted an audit of the barge operator's maritime transport operator system, including the procedures for the maintenance of the propulsion and steering systems; the procedures and processes for dealing with loss of power or steering while underway; the procedures for determining if and when emergency dumping is required; and the procedures for conducting these operations.

The audit found no deficiencies, but made a number of observations.

2. Please advise if Maritime NZ has any preferred routes in relation to CRL's barge movements.

Maritime NZ has no preferred routes in relation to CRL's barge movements. Voyage and passage planning, execution and monitoring are matters for the master of the vessel. We note, however, that CRL was required under condition 2 of permit 568 to provide a towing plan, including passage plan and operational limits, to the Director at least 10 working days prior to disposal operations. Condition 24 of the permit required each voyage's passage plan to be lodged with the Auckland regional harbourmaster 12 hours in advance of planned operations.

Yours sincerely

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