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Cowlitz County Revised SEPA Determination of Significance & Request for Comments on Scope of EIS for Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview LLC Coal Export Terminal REVISED

Description of Proposal: Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview LLC (MBTL) proposes to build a terminal for the transfer of coal between rail and ocean-going vessels for export on a portion of an existing industrial site which includes an existing operating dock (Dock 1) in Cowlitz County, Washington ("Coal Export Terminal"). The proposed Coal Export Terminal would be located near Longview, WA, adjacent to the Columbia River on an existing brownfield site zoned for heavy industrial use. The proposed Coal Export Terminal would cover approximately 190 acres of the approximately 536-acre site and would consist of rail unloading, storage, reclaiming and loading ships with coal. The proposed Coal Export Terminal would be capable of receiving, stockpiling, blending, and loading coal by conveyor onto ships for export.

MBTL proposes to develop the Coal Export Terminal in two separate phases. MBTL would construct two docks (Docks 2 and 3), one shiploader and related conveyors, a stockpile area including stockpile pads, a rail car unloading facilities , an operating rail turn around loop, up to eight rail lines, site area ground improvements, associated facilities, stockpiles, and infrastructure and conduct necessary dredging in the first stage (Stage 1). Stage 1 would be capable of a nominal throughput capacity of up to 25 million metric tonnes per year (MMTPA). Stage 2 facilities would consist of one additional shiploader on Dock 3 and associated stockpiles, conveyors and equipment necessary to bring the nominal throughput up to 44 MMTPA. The completed Coal Export Terminal would consist of two new docks, shiploading systems stockpiles and pads, rail car unloading facilities, an operating rail turnaround loop, rail lines to park 8 trains, associated facilities, conveyors, stockpiles and equipment, and necessary dredging. The planned total throughput capacity of the full build out facility would be a nominal 44 MMTPA of coal.

Dredging is required to provide berthing access from the navigation channel and to provide an adequate turning basin in the vicinity of Docks 2 and 3.

Stages 1 and 2 will be permitted under a single US Army Corps of Engineers authorization. Shiploading facilities for Stage 1 and 2 will be permitted under separate shoreline substantial development permits. Stage 2 ship loading facilities are not included in the current shoreline substantial development permit application to Cowlitz County.

Proponent: Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview LLC.

Location of Proposal: The proposed Coal Export Terminal site is located at 4029 Industrial Way Longview, WA 98632. The area is located within NW, NE Section 36, Township 8 North; Range 03 West, SW, SE Section 25, Township 8 North, Range 03 West, Parcel number 61953, and WDNR Aquatic Lands Lease No. 20-B09222.

Lead Agency: Cowlitz County Department of Building and Planning and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) are co-lead agencies with Cowlitz County designated the nominal lead agency for environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).) The U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers (Corps) is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the project proposal. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cowlitz County, Ecology and the Corps, the agencies intend to synchronize the separate SEPA and NEPA environmental reviews..

EIS Required: Cowlitz County has determined that the proposal is likely to result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and, pursuant to RCW 43.21C.080, that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required. Cowlitz County and Ecology intend to prepare a joint SEPA EIS. The Corps intends to prepare a separate NEPA EIS. A separate Notice of Intent will be published in the Federal Register by the Corps to initiate the NEPA process.

Alternatives: Alternatives to the Coal Export Terminal proposal will be determined through the scoping process according to WAC 197-11-440(5)(b). Reasonable alternatives will include actions that could feasibly attain or approximate the proposal's objectives, but at a lower environmental cost or decreased level of environmental degradation. The No Action Alternative will also be evaluated.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS within a 95-day expanded scoping comment period beginning on August 16, 2013 and closing November 18, 2013. You may comment on alternatives, probable significant adverse impacts, mitigation measures, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

Public scoping meetings will be held within Washington State in the following cities in order of occurrence:

Longview: Tuesday September 17, 2013, Cowlitz Expo Center, 1900 7th Ave. Longview, WA; 98632. The meeting will be conducted as an open house from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the SEPA scope of review may be made between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Spokane: Wednesday September 25, 2013 Spokane Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 98201. The meeting will be conducted as an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the SEPA scope of review may be made between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Pasco: Tuesday October 1, 2013, The Trac Center, 6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, WA 98301. The meeting will be conducted as an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the SEPA scope of review may be made between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Ridgefield: Wednesday October 9, 2013, Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Rd Ridgefield, WA 98642. The meeting will be conducted as an open house from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the SEPA scope of review may be made between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Tacoma: Thursday October 17, 2013, Tacoma Convention Center, 1600 Broadway Tacoma, WA 98402. The meeting will be conducted as an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the SEPA scope of review may be made between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Written Comments: Comments on EIS scoping will be accepted through November 18, 2013. Written comments may be submitted via U.S. Mail, e-mail or on through the EIS project web site.

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Notifications about the Draft EIS publication and public meetings and hearings will be made in accordance with adopted County, State, and Federal procedures. Interested parties who sign up on mailing lists or contact the agencies with a request to receive notices will also receive notices.

Documents Available: Environmental background documents and other materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at the EIS project website at http://www.millenniumbulkeis.com and at our offices and on our website at http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=1559

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