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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO MAKE A TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION

Under section 73C of the **Port Management Act 1995**, Port of Melbourne Corporation hereby gives notice of a proposal to make a towage requirements determination under section 73B of that Act.

The proposed form and content of the determination are set out below.

Under section 73D of the **Port Management Act 1995**, any person who is likely to be affected by the proposed determination may make a written submission to the Port of Melbourne Corporation about the determination.

Submissions must be made within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice and must be delivered or posted to the Port of Melbourne Corporation at its office at Level 4, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3001. Submissions should be marked to the attention of Glenn Santos, Marine Manager, Planning and Projects.

PROPOSED FORM AND CONTENT OF TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION

Port Management Act 1995

TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION

Division 2 of Part 4A of the Port Management Act 1995

PORT OF MELBOURNE

Under section 73B of the Port Management Act 1995, Port of Melbourne Corporation makes the following towage requirements determination:

Determination Period

The provisions of this towage requirements determination operate from [two months after the gazettal date] to until 24 March 2013 ('the determination period').

Definitions

In this towage requirements determination:

- (a) **fire fighting towage vessel** means a tier 1 or tier 2 towage vessel having the minimum fire fighting capability specified under the Minimum Requirements section of this towage requirements determination;
- (b) **tier 1 towage vessel** means a towage vessel that has a minimum certified bollard pull of at least 68 tonnes;
- (c) **tier 2 towage vessel** means a towage vessel that has a certified bollard pull of 43 tonnes or more and less than 68 tonnes;
- (d) **tier 3 towage vessel** means a towage vessel with a certified bollard pull of 5 tonnes or more and less than 43 tonnes;
- (e) **towage service** has the meaning given to that term in section 73A of the **Port Management Act 1995**; and
- (f) **towage vessel** has the meaning given to that term in section 73A of the **Port Management Act 1995**.

Minimum Number and Capacity of Towage Vessels

- (1) The minimum number of towage vessels required to be provided by notified towage service providers, during the determination period and the minimum capacity of those towage vessels are:

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- (a) two tier 1 towage vessels;
 - (b) two tier 2 towage vessels; and
 - (c) one tier 3 towage vessel.
- (2) Of the minimum number of tier 1 and tier 2 towage vessels, a minimum of two must be fire fighting towage vessels.

Minimum Requirements for Towage Vessels

The minimum requirements necessary for towage vessels to be fit to provide the service for the purpose of section 73B (1) (d) of the **Port Management Act 1995** are:

General

- (a) Tier 1 towage vessels must be less than 30 m in length, be low profile, have azimuth stern drive or equivalent and be fitted with an Automatic Identification System;
- (b) Tier 2 towage vessels must be less than 35 m in length, have azimuth stern drive or equivalent and be fitted with an Automatic Identification System;
- (c) All towage vessels must be fit for purpose, must be kept and maintained in good working order at all times, must be provided with crews with adequate competency and training and must comply with all applicable legislative requirements including, but not limited to, those requirements imposed by or under the **Marine Act 1988**.

Fire fighting capability

A fire fighting towage vessel must, as a minimum –

- (a) be fitted with:
 - (i) a fire pump with a minimum capacity of 1200 m³/hour; and
 - (ii) two monitors, each with minimum output of 600 m³/hour.

At least one monitor must be capable of dispersing water alone or suitable foam mixture; the other monitor must be capable of dispersing water only and must be fitted with a variable pattern fog nozzle. Where only one monitor is in use a height of throw of at least 50 m and a length of throw of at least 70 m must be achievable. Monitors must be capable of being remotely operated.
- (b) have available adequate onboard supply of foam to operate at least one monitor dispersing a 3 % minimum foam mixture for at least 30 minutes; and
- (c) provide adequate space on deck for:
 - (i) emergency equipment including, but not limited to, portable fire fighting equipment, searchlights, boarding ladder; and
 - (ii) at least 8 fire fighting personnel.

Availability Required for Towage Vessels

During the determination period –

- (a) Tier 1 towage vessels and tier 2 towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services to vessels of 5000 gross tonnes or over;
 - (b) Tier 3 towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services to vessels of under 5000 gross tonnes;
 - (c) Fire fighting towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services (including emergency response) 24 hours per day on all days of the year; and
 - (d) Tier 1 towage vessels and tier 2 towage vessels (other than fire fighting towage vessels) must be available for the provision of towage services, subject to a 2 hour notice period, following a request by the Harbour Master of the port of Melbourne that any such services be provided.
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