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SUBJECT: Meeting of 12/17/99  
Waiver Request – Claremont Channel Project  

Per your request, attached are summary sheets provided to me by the Office of Maritime Resources, concerning the Claremont Channel Project.  

1. Fact Sheet – “Claremont Channel Project”  

2. Resolution of the NJ Commerce and Economic Growth Commission  
NJC99-26 “Authorizing Agreement Concerning the Claremont Channel”  

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Summary
Claremont Channel is a State navigation channel located in Jersey City, NJ between Port Jersey and Caven Point. The site is currently utilized by the Hugo Neu Schnitzer East Corporation (HNSE) which operates a scrap metal processing and exporting facility. Scrap, is the number one export from the Port of New York and New Jersey and provides a resource for America’s steel industry as well as being a major product in international commerce. NJMR is entering into a public/private partnership with HNSE to fund the dredging of the channel to 32 feet. The 1.25 million cubic yards of dredged material will be utilized in a number of demonstration and beneficial use projects as outlined below. Additionally, NJMR is providing capacity in the Newark Bay Confined Disposal Facility (NBCDF) for approximately 150,000 cubic yards of dredged material.

PROPAT® Demonstration: PROPAT® is a fibrous product manufactured by HNSE from the shredding of car interiors. NJMR is currently sponsoring a pilot project through the Innovative Technologies Division of NJDEP (described elsewhere) to evaluate the use of PROPAT® as an amendment for dredged materials. Pending successful completion of the pilot program, approximately 150,000 cubic yards of material will be mixed with PROPAT® and placed at the Port Liberté Golf Course brownfield development.

Channel Design and Testing: NJMR authorized the Port Authority to design the dredging project and to provide testing services in support of permit applications. This component of the overall project is complete.

Pennsylvania Mines Demonstration: As described elsewhere, NJMR is committing substantial resources toward the completion of the Pennsylvania Mines demonstration project. In support of this goal, NJMR is providing $6.75 million to fund the processing, transport and placement at Bark Camp of 150,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the Claremont Channel.

Wetlands Restoration: In order to demonstrate the use of dredged materials in wetland restoration, approximately 100,000 cubic yards of material will be placed in a bermed pit at the western end of the Claremont channel. The current habitat is severely degraded and dominated by Phragmites reed. The dredged material from the channel will be capped with clean sediment and native saltmarsh grasses will be planted to create an emergent saltmarsh and the fill graded gently to provide much needed shallow water habitat.

Brownfield Reclamation: Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of dredged materials from the channel will be stabilized with fly ash and portland cement and utilized as fill at the Port Liberté Golf Course brownfield redevelopment project on Caven Point.
RESOLUTION OF THE
NEW JERSEY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
COMMISSION

NJC-99-26

TITLE: Authorizing Agreement Concerning the Claremont Channel

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission (the "Commission") was established pursuant to the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Act of 1998, N.J.S.A. 52:27C-61 et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 12:6B-5(b) authorized the Commission to develop, evaluate, certify and implement demonstrations of cost-effective treatment technologies for dredged materials and to further contract for the management of dredging projects including cost sharing, dredging of materials and treatment technologies in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the General Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, Hugo Neu Schaezter East ("HSNE"), a joint venture of the Hugo Neu Corporation and Joint Venture Operations, Inc., corporations authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, has proposed that the Commission enter into an agreement by which Hugo would contribute monies and management for the dredging of the Claremont Channel, a State-owned navigation channel located in Jersey City and further for decontamination and disposal of the dredged material the demonstration of innovative technologies for the beneficial use of the dredged materials, and upland and aquatic disposal including use of coal mine and Brownfield reclamation projects and restoration of intertidal habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New Jersey Dredging Project Facilitation Task Forces have authorized the expenditure of up to $21 million in cash or in-kind to be applied to the dredging and disposal of dredged material from the Claremont Channel (the "Claremont Channel Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided to him under resolution NJC99-13, paragraph 2 relating to the Claremont Channel Project, the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") concerning the funding by the Commission of the Propat Demonstration Project which allows DEP to provide a grant of $867,151 to Hugo for the demonstration of Propat, a patented technology owned by Hugo; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to award a contract to Hugo, subject to the further negotiation and approval of the Chief Executive Office and Secretary, or his designee, and to exempt the contract from advertisement and, as required by the Act, the Commission desires to make a finding that the contract is exempt because of the following:

(a) only one source of supply is available; and /or
(b) more favorable terms can be obtained from a primary source of supply;

NOW THEREFORE, at its public meeting on June 2, 1999, the

NEW JERSEY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMISSION
HEREBY RESOLVES
1. The Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Commission, or his designee(s) is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver agreements concerning the Claremont Channel, including but not limited to the agreement with Hugo, as may be necessary to complete the dredging of the Claremont Channel, to provide for the decontamination and placement of the dredged material from the Claremont Channel and to provide for the testing of decontamination technologies within the funding provided by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary is hereby directed to report back to the Commission regarding the final executed agreement.

2. The Commission finds that the above contract with Hugo is not subject to advertisement because Hugo is the sole source provider for the Claremont Channel Project and/or that more favorable terms can be obtained from this primary source of supply.

3. The Commission hereby ratifies the execution and delivery by the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the MOU relating to the Claremont Channel Project.

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