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**RE: Fireproofing and Corrosion Protection of
Tunnel T-8 – Issued for Construction Submission**

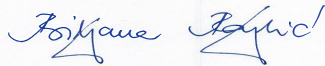
Dear Michael:

This letter accompanies the IFC design package for Tunnel T-8. This structure has been designed in accordance with the relevant structural and fire protection codes and standards as outlined in the design team technical memos. However, as you are aware, the tunnel structure does not meet the fire protection requirements of the Project Agreement, specifically Schedule 15-2, Part 2, Article 4.3(b) Fire Protection.

HMM and PIC are working together to obtain HMQ's agreement that the proposed fireproofing measures are adequate and to obtain from HMQ the necessary variances to the Project Agreement. However, these variances are not yet in place and, therefore, if PIC wishes to proceed with construction they do so at their own risk.

Corrosion protection measures shown on the drawings for the pier columns are based on PIC's and WEMG's interpretation of the Project Agreement, as discussed at the Design Review meeting on April 19, 2012. HMQ's interpretation is more stringent; and at this meeting they considered that all pier columns are in the splash zone and therefore require stainless steel reinforcing. It is the design team's understanding, through recent communications from PIC, that an agreement has been reached between PIC and HMQ on this issue at the management level. The stainless steel column extents shown on the T-8 IFC drawings reflect the agreement between HMQ and PIC on the interpretation of the Project Agreement. HMM has not seen any written formal agreement from HMQ on this issue, and are submitting the drawings with stainless steel columns 50m from the tunnel entrance at the direction of PIC. If PIC wishes to proceed with construction of these columns they do so at their own risk.

Regards,



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