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October 10, 2024

Mr. Sameer Sidh  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Baltimore County Government  
400 Washington Avenue  
Towson, MD 21204

Re: Hart-Miller Island Community Benefit Agreement

Dear Mr. Sidh:

On behalf of Sparrows Point Container Terminal, I would like to thank Baltimore County for leading a public process with community leaders to explore the public's interest in entering into a Community Benefit Agreement around the potential use of the inactive Hart-Miller Island Dredge Containment Facility (DMCF) North Cell for placement of approved dredge material from the Sparrows Point Channel.

We believed at the beginning of this conversation that this should be a community decision, one that weighs the benefits of accelerating a significant economic investment in the region, the unprecedented opportunity of a \$40 million community benefit package for several southeastern Baltimore County communities, and the opportunity to use dredge material from our project to bring the North Cell of Hart-Miller Island to full closure and restoration, balanced with long-held perceptions around dredge material placement within the Hart-Miller Island DMCF.

Working through the community driven process, we were able to hear from residents and leaders alike their concerns and thoughts around this proposal. While there were many who understood the value of a win/win opportunity and the positive impact such a significant investment of \$40 million could have in their communities, there remains a long-held sentiment that Hart-Miller Island should remain as-is, regardless of any community benefit and assurances that modern environmental, scientific and engineering safeguards are in place to ensure the suitability and safety of dredged material placement within the North Cell.

From the very onset of our efforts to clean up and revitalize Sparrows Point, community partnerships, support and involvement have always been a core value in our vision to create an economic engine that will sustain and uplift the communities that have been central to Sparrows Point's storied legacy. We remain committed to this core value.



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It is with deference to this core value that we no longer believe it fruitful to consider a Community Benefit Agreement for the placement of dredge material within the North Cell of Hart-Miller Island.

We would like to thank the citizen volunteers of the Community Benefit Agreement Steering Committee for their service and diligence. Their leadership and participation allowed a thoughtful deliberation on this matter to take place.

Over the last 10 years, with the support of our valued partners in the community, we have taken on an enormous challenge to clean up the impacts of over a century of steelmaking and transform Sparrows Point into a bright new economic engine that will fuel our region's economy for generations to come. Achieving a fully revitalized Sparrows Point is still a work in progress and realizing the completion of the Sparrows Point Container Terminal is a critical part of that vision.

Thank you again for your efforts to explore this opportunity.

Sincerest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Tomarchio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the top and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Aaron Tomarchio  
Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs  
Tradeport Atlantic