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Attention: Ms Vanessa Stippel (VanessaS@nemai.co.za)

Re: Amended EIA Report: Proposed Expansion of Berths 203 to 205, Port of Durban (NEAS REF NO: DEA/EIA/0000988/2012; DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/2/275)

The amended EIA Report for the proposed expansion of berths 203 to 205 at the Port of Durban refers. The comments from the *Economic Development* directorate of this Department are as follows:

- We support the proposed expansion of the aforementioned berths as it will reduced safety risks associated with these specific berths. Improved efficiency in port operations may have positive economic impacts.
- We are confident that the strict implementation of the mitigation measures and conditions imposed by the Department of Environmental Affairs will ensure that this development is sustainable.
- Waste minimisation and reuse of resources must be considered for all construction activities.

Yours sincerely,

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