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Broome Boatlifters and Marine Services Coop Ltd
- *Dev. Commission*
c/o: PO Box 387
Broome WA 6725

21 May 2007

Mr Ian Bodill
Shire of Broome
Cnr Weld and Hass Street
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CC; Cr Graeme Campbell

Dear Sir,

RE: BBAMS Support

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As you may be aware, there has been a need to replace the previous management of the Broome Slipway facility. This resulted in the Port of Broome advertising for expressions of interest from the broader community, which unfortunately received a very limited range of responses.

Considering the importance of a facility such as this to the greater Broome community it quickly became apparent that there was a need to form an entity that could take over the operations and management of the current site, and as a result of this the Broome Boatlifters and Marine Services Co-operative (BBAMS) has been formed.

BBAMS aims to enter into a long term leasehold arrangement with the Port of Broome, who have in turn, agreed to a much reduced rate for the land. This has been done as the Port recognises the need for a greater range of facilities than is currently available, and that onerous lease costs will reduce and delay the scope of development required.

At present there is virtually no infrastructure, or service offerings provided at the site, which has been gradually degraded over the past few decades. Essentially BBAMS has been left the legacy of poor site management and maintenance practices, which need to be rapidly altered to ensure that the range of end users are offered a safe, secure and environmentally sound facility.

Given the wide array of end users and industries that need facilities of this nature, and that the Broome Community risks losing additional employment and economic opportunity should any of the existing fleet have to move elsewhere to

obtain marine services it is imperative that we proceed immediately with the re-development of the site.

As the Co-operative is newly formed and has a limited range of initial revenue options we are looking for alternative solutions to proceed with the site redevelopment, and given the range of plant and machinery, as well as the range of professional services that the Shire of Broome has at it's disposal we are hoping that the Shire may be in a position to offer BBAMS a level of support in kind.

Essentially there is an initial need to clear and level parts of the existing site, including the removal of some debris. Additionally redevelopment of the site, including items such as adequate waste water and pollutant management will require both engineering, earthmoving expertise and materials such as clean fill.

As previously noted these are all items that the Shire of Broome can assist us with, and we are hoping that you can consider our request for assistance to ensure that there can be the continued development of what can clearly be regarded as an essential facility and service that impacts on the continued economic and social development of the Broome and Kimberley community overall.

With kind regards,



Derek (Jig) Albert.

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