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EXTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: 17 March 2020

To: All Port Users

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: Additional Contingency Measures for the Corona Virus (Covid-19) Pandemic

This memorandum follows up upon previous memos issued regarding Namport's response to the coronavirus pandemic. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the Covid-19 virus as a global pandemic, urging all nations to double up on efforts on prevention and containment of the virus. With this in mind, all vessels and port users must comply with the following mandatory requirements in addition to the mandatory requirements from Port Health (Ministry of Health & Social Services):

1. Full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) consisting of goggles, masks (FFP2 or better) and surgical gloves must be worn/used when boarding foreign vessels regardless of clearance from Port Health;
2. Crew changes to foreign vessels within our ports must be avoided where possible, and where unavoidable, compliance with existing health protocols by the crew transiting through the country must be enforced by the agents;
3. As per existing directive from the Port Captain, all shore leave for foreign vessels are prohibited unless directed otherwise by the Port Captain on a case by case basis;
4. Should a person on board a vessel which is alongside test positive then that vessel will be send to, and quarantined at, anchorage;

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5. The master of a vessel is obliged to immediately alert the Port Captain/Port Control and Port Health Officials of any suspected case on board;
6. The master of a vessel must take and send to the Port Captain/Port Control, new temperature readings for all crew and passengers within three (3) hours of a pilot boarding that vessel. This is irrespective of any free pratique having been granted already;
7. A vessel with a suspected case of infection(s) inside port limits will be placed under quarantine by Port Health Officials for a duration as determined by Port Health and will be subjected to Port Health Protocols.
8. No persons (agents, surveyors, technicians, Government officials, etc.) are allowed on board foreign vessels, unless full compliance with the above PPE requirements is met;
9. Waste disposed from foreign vessels must be kept on-board or incinerated, but such incineration may only occur at anchorage;
10. Stevedoring employees must wear the above full PPE when boarding and working on foreign vessels;
11. All used and discarded PPE must be placed inside RED medical waste bag (red plastic bag) and disposed of at the Namport Clinic for incineration;
12. Additional health screening measures at port gates will be implemented subject to ongoing assessments of the risk of spread of the virus, without advance notice;
13. Launch service operators may not board any vessels at anchorage;
14. Crew and passengers on board visiting foreign yachts/pleasure craft may not disembark their vessels without first being thermally screened on board and clearance given by Port Health and Port Captain;
15. All existing port regulations are in force except where they are overruled by the above additional measures;

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The above measures are in force with immediate effect. Any queries on the above may be directed to the office of the CEO.

All Port Users are urged to brief their affected employees on this memorandum.

Yours Sincerely,

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