

Dear Neighbour,

## RE: Proposed Potash Export Facility - we want to hear from you.

This letter provides important information about a proposed project in your area.

BHP Billiton Canada Inc. (BHP) proposes to construct a potash export facility at Fraser Surrey Docks in Surrey, B.C. to export potash from the proposed Jansen mine in Saskatchewan. The new facility would receive and store rail shipments of potash and then load onto bulk ocean-going vessels. With an expected throughput of approximately 8 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa), vessels loading at the facility are expected to range in size from Handysize up to Kamsarmax. It is expected that 9 to 10 trains, on a weekly basis, will deliver product to the facility and three to four vessels will be loaded.

Following demolition of existing structures and site preparation the Project construction includes the following key components:

- Rail loop
- Unloading station
- Transfer system
- Potash storage building
- Travelling ship loader and berth improvements
- Substation and utility relocation

## What is Potash?

Potash, technically known as potassium chloride (KCl), is a naturally occurring mineral salt and a key ingredient in agricultural fertilizer, including common household garden fertilizers. Potash is non-flammable, non-combustible and is considered non-toxic to aquatic species. Similar to table salt, potash is mildly corrosive to metals, and is water-soluble so requires a dry location for storage. The world's largest known reserves of potash are located in Saskatchewan, Canada.



The proposed project will require a permit under the Project and Environmental Review process with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. As part of the preliminary review phase, we are seeking input regarding our areas of study for the project. **The public comment period will run from 12 October to 8 November, 2017.**

As part of the permit process, technical studies are being undertaken. A short list of these technical studies is provided below and a full list is provided on the website.

Engineering Studies including:

- Hazardous materials report for demolition
- Lighting
- Geotechnical
- Marine structures

Environmental Assessment Studies including:

- Noise
- Air quality
- View & shade
- Traffic Impact
- Habitat Assessment

Project Plans including:

- Stormwater pollution prevention
- Construction environmental management
- Rail operations
- Spill prevention and emergency response

To learn more about the project and find out how to provide your feedback online visit: [www.bhp.com/fsdpotashexport](http://www.bhp.com/fsdpotashexport).

We are hosting two community information sessions to answer questions and receive comments:

New Westminster	Surrey / Delta
<b>Thursday, 26 October, 2017</b> <b>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b> Fraser River Discovery Centre 788 Quayside Drive New Westminster, BC V3M 6Z6	<b>Saturday, 28 October, 2017</b> <b>11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b> Royal Height Elementary School 11665 97 Avenue Surrey, BC V3V 2B9

**Please provide your input by 8 November, 2017.**

We look forward to sharing more information as the permit review process moves forward. We welcome your questions and can be reached by phone at 1-844-385-8581 or by email [PotashPortPermit@bhp.com](mailto:PotashPortPermit@bhp.com).

For questions regarding the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Project and Environmental Review process, please email Jessica Mehigan, Senior Planner at [permit.comments@portvancouver.com](mailto:permit.comments@portvancouver.com) or call 604.665.9570.

Kind Regards,

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