

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Port of Long Beach
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: Third Amendment to Lease HD-7097 – Stapleton Technologies, Inc.
State Clearinghouse No.:
Project Location – Specific: 1354 West 12th Street; Long Beach Harbor District 1 – North Harbor
Project Location – City: Long Beach **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved to a third amendment to an existing month-to-month lease (HD-7097) with Stapleton Technologies, Inc. (Stapleton) for the use of an existing 1,018 storage unit at 1354 West 12th Street in the North Harbor for the storage of packaging materials to package the final products of associated with Stapleton’s plating business. The third amendment to Lease HD-7097 increases the monthly rent from \$985.46 to \$1,102.24 per month for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; \$1,300 per month from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; \$1,500 per month from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. From October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, the monthly rent will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index. There are no proposed changes to the existing use of the warehouse unit; all other terms and conditions of HD-7097 remain the same. The third amendment to Lease HD-7097 will become effective on the date of execution by the Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Long Beach.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Port of Long Beach and Stapleton Technologies, Inc.

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption.

State type and section number: Section 15301 Existing Facilities

- Statutory Exemption.

State code number:

- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project merely consists of a third amendment to existing Lease HD-7097 to increase the monthly rent. No physical modifications or change in existing use are proposed. Therefore, the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Blanchard **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (562) 283-7100

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  **Date:** _____ **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning

Matthew Arms

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____