

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: Fender Pile Replacement and Pothole Repairs – Harbor Development Permit 24-027
State Clearinghouse No:
Project Applicant: Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX)
Project Location – Specific: 2980 Nimitz Road (Pier 16); Harbor Planning District 4 – Terminal Island
Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace 11 existing fendering systems at Pier 16 by removing approximately 17 to 32 creosote-treated timber piles with up to 44 wide flange steel piles via impact or vibratory hammer, and repair up to 50 potholes of varying size on the dock surface.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

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 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. In order to continue safe operations at Pier 16, SpaceX is proposing to replace eleven existing fendering systems by removing approximately 17 to 32 creosote-treated timber piles with up to 44 wide flange steel piles and would largely do so as a like-for-like replacement, with some minor adjustments to the total number and location of piles to incorporate the latest engineering design and technology available. The new steel piles will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. SpaceX is also proposing to repair up to 50 potholes of varying size on the dock surface.

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 Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.


Lead Agency

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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:** 8/26/24 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning
Renee Moilanen

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: _____