

Agenda Item No. 5(C)



Date:

July 7, 2011

To:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From:

Alina T. Hudak

County Manager

Subject:

Resolution Relating to an Application by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation for a Class I Permit for the Grouting of Subsurface Layers

below Government Cut Channel between Watson Island and Dodge Island in Association

with the Construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel

Attached, please find for your consideration an application by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation for a Class I permit. Also attached is the recommendation of the Department of Environmental Resources Management and a proposed resolution approving the issuance of the Class I permit.

Assistant County Manager

Memorandum



Date:

June 8, 2011

To:

Alina T. Hudak

County Manager

From:

Lee N. Hefty, Assistant Director

Department of Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Resolution Relating to an Application by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation for a Class I Permit for the Grouting of Subsurface Layers Below Government Cut Channel between Watson Island and Dodge Island in Association

with the Construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel

#### Recommendation

I have reviewed the Class I permit application submitted by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation. Based upon the applicable evaluation factors set forth in Section 24-48.3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), Florida, I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the issuance of a Class I permit for the reasons set forth below.

The project site is located between Watson Island and Dodge Island, within Government Cut in Biscayne Bay, in Commissioner Barreiro's District 5.

#### Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Not applicable.

#### Track Record/Monitor

Not applicable.

#### Background

The subject Class I permit application requests authorization for the work associated with the grouting of subsurface rock layers below Government Cut Channel between Watson Island and Dodge Island in association with the construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel in the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County. The proposed project is required to be reviewed and approved by the Board at a public hearing because the scope of work is not specifically referenced in Section 24-48.2 of the Code as work that can be processed administratively with a short form application. Therefore, a standard form application including a public hearing is required.

The Port of Miami Tunnel and Access Improvement Project includes the construction of twin tunnels beneath Government Cut Channel to provide a direct access link between the Port of Miami and MacArthur Causeway (I-395) on Watson Island. The tunnels will be excavated using a 40-foot diameter tunnel boring machine to cut through the earth along the path of the tunnel. During the pre-construction assessment phase, the applicants conducted geotechnical investigations of the conditions of the subsurface rock layers where the tunnels are proposed to be bored. The tests determined that subsurface formation grouting will be required in areas within the proposed tunnel route in order to provide the necessary stability for the tunnel construction.

The work will consist of drilling vertical holes between 40 and 80 feet below the bottom of Government Cut Channel and injecting them with grout. A total of 914 grouting holes will be bored, which will result in temporary impacts to 3,765 square feet of Government Cut Channel bottom. The drilling and grouting operations will use double cased drilling tubes, which will remove the drill cuttings from each drill hole and minimize the release of drilling fluids or grout to tidal waters. Once the drilling is complete, the drill holes will be backfilled with grout up to the original level of the channel bed, and any void at the top of each hole will be filled with clean limestone to restore the channel to its original elevation. The effectiveness of

Alina T. Hudak County Manager Page 2

the formation grouting operation will be verified through the drilling of control boreholes which will result in a total of 98 square feet of temporary impacts to the channel bottom. The same construction and channel bed restoration methodologies will be employed for the boreholes. The proposed work will occur on submerged lands owned by the City of Miami, which has authorized the proposed work by signing the Class 1 Permit Application ((Attachment A).

Pursuant to Section 24-48.4 of the Code, potential and cumulative adverse environmental impacts for a proposed project must be avoided and minimized. A thorough in-water bay bottom (benthic) survey revealed that there are no significant resources within the footprint of the proposed work. As stated above, the drilling and grouting will be conducted with double cased drilling tubes to minimize the potential for the release of drilling fluids or grout to tidal waters. Therefore, no mitigation is required for the minimal adverse environmental impacts expected under this project.

The proposed project is not located within an area identified by the Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan (MDCMPP) as essential manatee habitat for the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). However, the Class I permit will require that all standard manatee conditions be followed during all construction operations.

The proposed project has been designed in accordance with all relevant Miami-Dade County coastal and wetland construction criteria and is consistent with all other Miami-Dade County coastal and wetland protection provisions. Please find attached a DERM Project Report which sets forth the reasons the proposed project is recommended for approval by DERM pursuant to the applicable evaluation factors set forth in Section 24-48.3 of the Code. The conditions, limitations, and restrictions set forth in the Project Report attached hereto are incorporated herein by references hereto.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment A: Class I Permit Application

Attachment B: Owner/Agent Letter, Engineer Certification Letter and Project Sketches

Attachment C: Zoning Memorandum

Attachment D: Names and Addresses of Owners of All Riparian Property within Three Hundred

(300) Feet of the Proposed Work

Attachment E: DERM Project Report

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Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

DATE:

July 7, 2011

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(C)

Please note any items checked.

 "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
 Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
 Budget required
 Statement of fiscal impact required
 Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
 No committee review
 Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's, 3/5's, unanimous) to approve
 Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved	\$ -AH-	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	5(C)
Veto			7-7-11	
Override				

RESOLUTION NO.	

RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN APPLICATION BY MAT CONCESSIONAIRE, LLC AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A CLASS I PERMIT FOR THE GROUTING OF SUBSURFACE LAYERS BELOW GOVERNMENT CUT CHANNEL BETWEEN WATSON ISLAND AND DODGE ISLAND IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL, MIAMI, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board having considered all the applicable factors contained within Section 24-48.3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, hereby approves the application by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation for a Class I permit for the grouting of subsurface layers below Government Cut Channel between Watson Island and Dodge Island in association with the construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel, Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, subject to the conditions set forth in the memorandum from the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The issuance of this approval does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all applicable Federal, State, and local permits.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman

Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Rebeca Sosa

Lynda Bell

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY MAT CONCESSIONAIRE, LLC AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A CLASS I PERMIT FOR THE GROUTING OF SUBSURFACE LAYERS BELOW GOVERNMENT CUT CHANNEL BETWEEN WATSON ISLAND AND DODGE ISLAND IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT OF MIAMI TUNNEL, MIAMI, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Article IV, Division 1 of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County that the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County will hold and conduct a public hearing on a request by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation for a Class I permit for the grouting of subsurface layers below Government Cut Channel between Watson Island and Dodge Island in association with the construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel, Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Such public hearing will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011 at 9:30 AM in the County Commission Chambers on the 2nd Floor of the Stephen P. Clark Center at 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Miami, Florida.

Plans and details concerning the work requested in the application may be reviewed by interested persons at the office of the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management, 6th Floor, 701 NW 1st Court, Miami, Florida, 33136-3912.

Oral statements will be heard and appropriate records made. For accuracy of records, all important facts and arguments should be prepared in writing in triplicate, with two copies being submitted to the Deputy Clerk of the County Commission at the hearing or mailed to her beforehand (Diane Collins, Deputy Clerk), 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Stephen P. Clark Center, Suite 17-202, Miami, Florida 33128; and with one copy being submitted beforehand to the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management, 701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, Miami, Florida, 33136-3912.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by any Board, Agency, or Commission with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, will need a record of proceedings. Such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK
BY:

# Attachment A Class I Permit Application



## Class I Permit Application

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County, Florida, otherwise identified in the public records of Miami-Dade County as Folio No.					
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Box 9; either A, B or C

AND

Box 10: either A or B

## Class I Permit Application Additional Signatures Page (Please attach to Class I permit application)

Applicant Name:	FDOT/MAT Concessionnere, LLC		
Owner Name:	City of Miami		
Project Location:	Government Cut Shipping Channel		
Additional signatures for:	: □ Applicant □ Owner		
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### **Attachment B**

Owner/Agent Letter, Engineer Certification Letter, and Project Sketches

#### PERMIT APPLICANT/ AUTHORIZED AGENT STATEMENT

Date: June 9, 2011

To:
Miami Dade County DERM
Class I Permitting Program
701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court
Miami FL, 33136

Re: Class I Standard Form Permit Application Number 2011-CLJ-PFR- 00118

By the attached Class I Standard Form permit application with supporting documents, we, Aileen Boucle, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation and Eric R. Wilson COO, MAT Concessionaire, LLC, are the Permit Applicants and hereby request permission to perform the work associated with Class I permit application 2011-CLI-PER-00118. We understand that a Miami-Dade County Class I Standard Form Permit is required to perform this work.

If approval is granted for the proposed work by the Board of County Commissioners, complete and detailed plans and calculations of the proposed work shall be prepared by an engineer registered/licensed in the State of Florida in accordance with the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Said plans and calculations shall be subject to the review and approval of the Department of Environmental Resources Management. The permit applicants will secure the services of an engineer registered/licensed in the State of Florida to conduct inspections throughout the construction period, and said engineer shall prepare all required drawings of record. In the event that the proposed work which is the subject of this Class I Permit application involves the cutting or trimming of a mangrove tree(s), a detailed plan of the proposed cutting or trimming shall be prepared by a licensed landscape architect and submitted to the Department for review and approval, and the permit applicants will secure the services of a licensed landscape architect to supervise the trimming or cutting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ailcon Boucle, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation

Eric R. Wilson, COO, MAT Concessionaire, LLC

Permit Applicants



#### ES CONSULTANTS, INC.

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May 27, 2011

Construction Management Miami-Dade County DERM Class I Permitting Program 701 NW 1st Court

Environmental Services

Miami, Florida 33136

Solid Waste

Re: Class I Permit Application Number 2011-CLI-PER-00118

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Water Resources

This letter will certify that I am an engineer registered/licensed in the State of Florida, qualified by education and experience in the area of construction, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the proposed work does not violate any laws of the State of Florida or any provision of the Code of Miami Dade County which may be applicable, that diligence and recognized standard practices of the engineering profession have been exercised in the engineer's design process for the proposed work, and in my opinion based upon my knowledge and belief, the following will not occur:

- a. Harmful obstruction or undesirable alteration of the natural flow of the water within the area of the proposed work.
- b. Harmful or increased erosion, shoaling of channels or stagnant areas of water. (Not applicable to class IV permits)
- c. Material injury to adjacent property.
- d. Adverse environmental impacts from changes in water quality or quantity. (Applicable to class IV permits only)

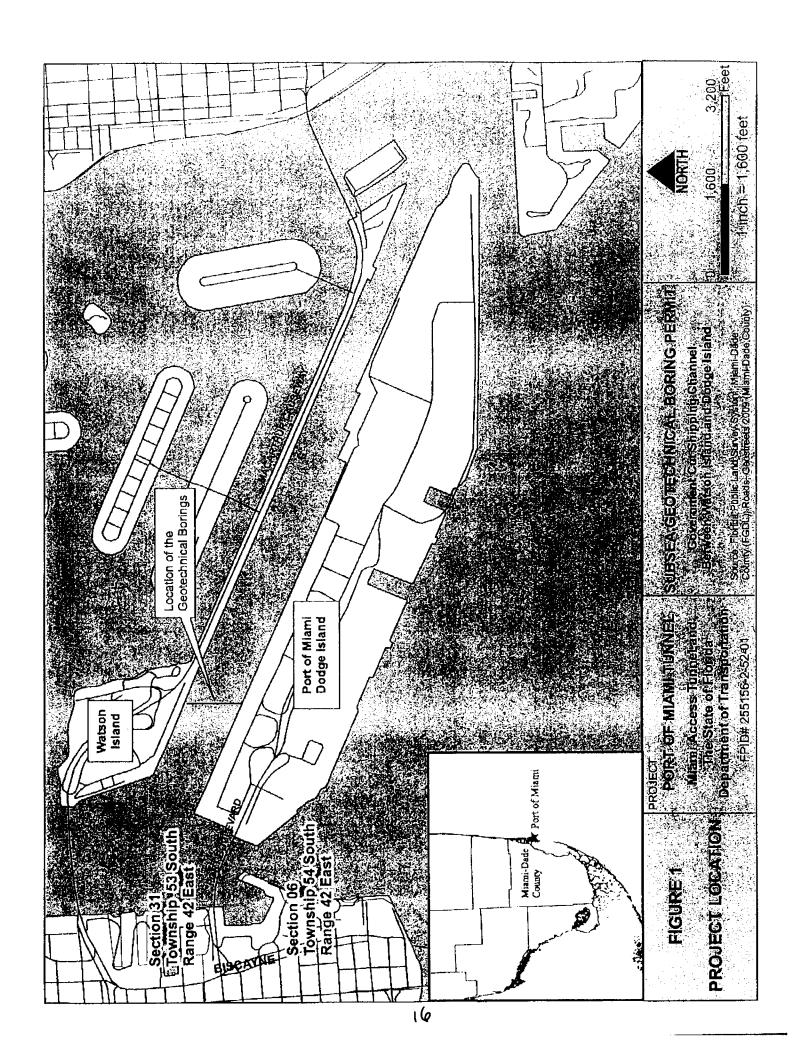
Further, I have been retained by the applicant to provide inspections throughout the construction period and prepare a set of reproducible record prints of drawings showing changes made during the construction process based upon the marked-up prints, drawings, and other data furnished by the contractor to me.

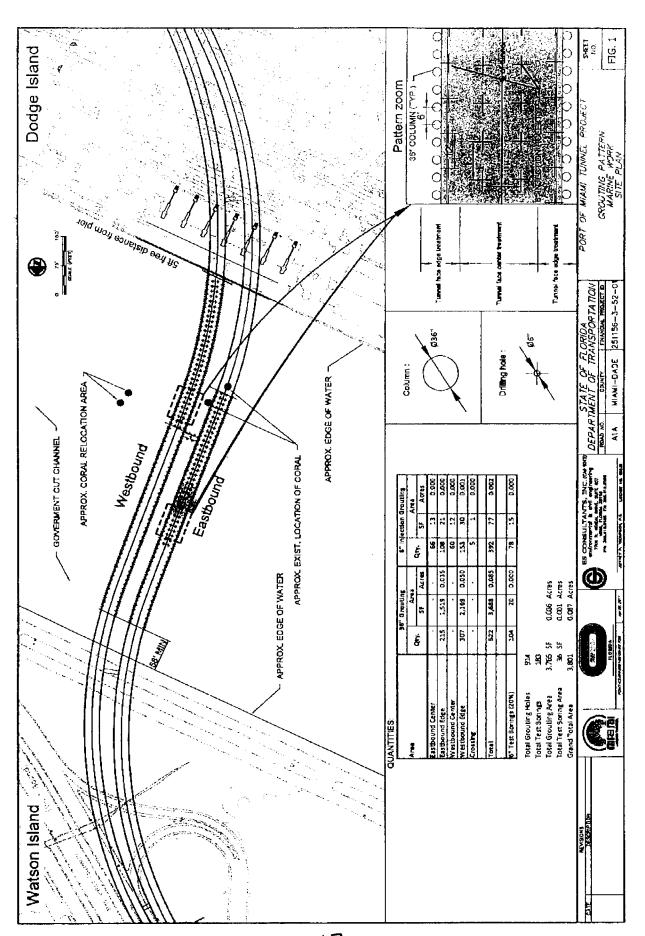
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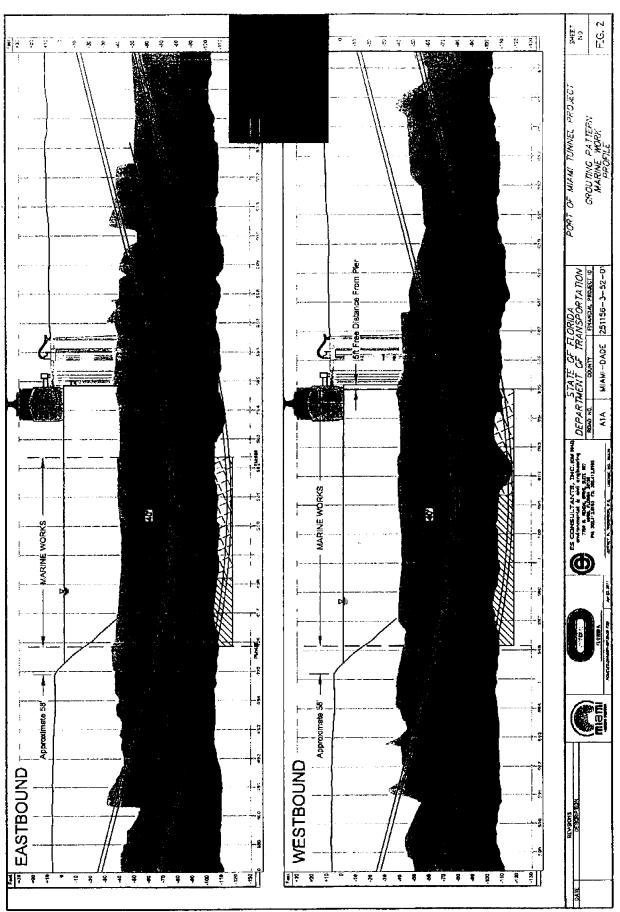
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# Attachment C Zoning Memorandum

### Memorandum #



Date:

June 9, 2011

To:

Lisa Spadafina, Manager

Coastal Resources Section

**Environmental Resources Management** 

From:

Christine Hopps, ERPS

Coastal Resources Section

**Environmental Resources Management** 

Subject:

Class I Permit Application by MAT Concessionaire, LLC and the Florida Department of Transportation for a Class I Permit for the Grouting of Subsurface Layers below Government Cut Channel between Watson Island and Dodge Island in Association with the Construction of the Port of Miami Tunnel, within Government Cut in Biscayne

Bay, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(A)(7), of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a substantiating letter shall be submitted by the applicant stating that the proposed project does not violate any zoning laws. Said letter will be submitted after approval by the County Commission and prior to issuance of the Class I permit.

#### Attachment D

Names and Addresses of Owners of All Riparian or Property Within Three Hundred (300) Feet of the Proposed Work City of Miami-Out Board Asset Management Division 444 SW Ave Ste #325 Miami, FL 33130

City of Miami - Dept of P&D Assest Management Division 444 SW 2 Ave Ste #325 Miami, FL 33130 Attachment E

DERM Project Report

## PROJECT REPORT CLASS I PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2011-CLI-PER-00118

APPLICATION BY MAT CONCESSIONAIRE, LLC AND THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A CLASS I PERMIT FOR THE
GROUTING OF SUBSURFACE LAYERS BELOW GOVERNMENT CUT CHANNEL
BETWEEN WATSON ISLAND AND DODGE ISLAND IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT OF MIAM! TUNNEL

**DATE: May 27, 2011** 

Staff's recommendation of approval for the above-referenced permit application is based on the applicable evaluation factors under Section 24-48.3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The following is a summary of the proposed project with respect to each applicable evaluation factor:

- 1. Potential Adverse Environmental Impact The potential for any adverse environmental impact from the proposed project is minimal. An in-water benthic survey revealed that there are no significant benthic resources within the footprint of the project. Additionally, the Class I permit shall include conditions to protect rare, threatened and endangered species.
- 2. <u>Potential Cumulative Adverse Environmental Impact</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to have cumulative adverse environmental impacts.
- 3. <u>Hydrology</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect surface water drainage or retention of stormwater.
- 4. <u>Water Quality</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to affect surface water quality. In order to minimize impacts to surface waters, the work will be conducted using a double casing containment system. Additionally, the Class I permit will require that a water quality monitoring plan be implemented during the proposed work to ensure turbidity levels within the surrounding waters do not exceed State and County water quality standards.
- 5. Wellfields Not applicable.
- 6. Water Supply Not applicable.
- Aguifer Recharge Not applicable.
- Aesthetics The proposed project is not reasonably expected to have long term negative
  aesthetic impacts. During the construction process there may be temporary aesthetic impacts due
  to the presence of barges, machinery, and equipment associated with the construction activities.
- Navigation The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect navigation. The
  work is temporary in nature, and the applicant will be required to obtain authorization from the
  United States Coast Guard prior to issuance of a Class I permit.
- 10. Public Health The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect public health.
- 11. <u>Historic Values</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect historic values.
- 12. <u>Archaeological Values</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect archaeological values.
- 13. Air Quality The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect air quality.
- 14. Marine and Wildlife Habitats The proposed project may result in temporary disturbances to marine and wildlife habitats. An in-water benthic survey revealed that there are no significant benthic resources within the footprint of the project.

The proposed project is not located within an area designated by the Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan (MPP) as essential habitat for *Trichechus manatus* (West Indian Manatee). However, the Class I permit shall include conditions to minimize turbidity and will require that all standard manatee conditions be followed during all in-water construction operations.



- 15. Wetland Soils Suitable for Habitat The proposed project does not involve any work in wetland soils.
- 16. <u>Floral Values</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect floral values. An in-water benthic survey revealed that there are no significant flora within the footprint of the proposed project.
- 17. <u>Fauna Values</u> The proposed project may temporarily disturb marine fauna. The marine soils in the area of the proposed work may support marine fauna, specifically, marine epifauna (animals living on the sediment surface or on the surface of other plants or animals) and infauna (animals living within submerged sediments). Once the work is complete, the applicant will restore each drill site to pre-construction elevations and conditions. Therefore, these impacts are temporary in nature and suitable marine habitat will be available for the re-establishment of marine fauna.

The proposed project sites are not located within essential habitat for the West Indian Manatee. However, the Class I permit will require that all standard construction permit conditions regarding manatees be followed during all in-water construction operations.

- 18. Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species The proposed work is not reasonably expected to adversely affect rare, threatened and endangered species. The proposed project is not located within an area designated by the MPP as essential habitat for West Indian Manatee. However, the Class I permit will require that all standard manatee conditions be followed during all in-water construction operations.
- 19. <u>Natural Flood Damage Protection</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect surface water drainage or retention of stormwater.
- Wetland Values The proposed project does not involve dredging or filling of wetlands.
- 21. <u>Land Use Classification</u> Pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(A)(7), of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a substantiating letter shall be submitted stating that the proposed project does not violate any zoning laws. Said letter will be submitted after the approval by the Board of County Commissioners and prior to the issuance of a Class I permit.
- 22. <u>Recreation</u> The proposed project does not conflict with the recreation element of the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan.
- 23. Other Environmental Values Affecting the Public Interest The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect other environmental values affecting the public interest. The proposed work will occur on submerged lands owned by the City of Miami, which has authorized the proposed work.
- 24. Conformance with Standard Construction Procedures and Practices and Design and Performance Standards The proposed project complies with the standard construction procedures and practices and design and performance standards of the applicable portions of the following:
  - a) Biscayne Bay Management Plan (Sections 33D-1 through 33D-4 of the Code of Miami-Dade County)
  - b) Chapter 33B of the Code of Miami-Dade County
- 25. <u>Comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (CEIS)</u> In the opinion of DERM, the proposed project is not reasonably expected to result in significant adverse environmental impacts or cumulative adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, a CEIS was not required by DERM to evaluate the project.

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- 26. Conformance with All Applicable Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations The proposed project is in conformance with the following applicable State, Federal and local laws and regulations:
  - a) Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County
  - b) United States Clean Water Act (US Army Corps of Engineers (permit is required)
  - c) Florida Department of Environmental Protection Regulations (permit is required)
  - d) U.S. Coast Guard (approval is required)
- 27. Conformance with the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) In the opinion of DERM, the proposed project is in conformance with the CDMP. The following is a summary of the proposed project as it relates to the CDMP:

#### LAND USE ELEMENT I:

Objective 2/Policy 2A - Level of Service. The proposed project does not involve new or significant expansion of existing urban land uses.

Objective 3/Policies 3A, 3B, 3C - Protection of natural resources and systems. – The proposed project is consistent with the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements of the CDMP. The project is compatible with surrounding land uses in Biscayne Bay and does not involve development in the Big Cypress area of Critical State concern or the East Everglades.

#### TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT II

<u>Aviation Subelement/Objective 9</u> - Aviation System Expansion - There is no aviation element to the proposed project.

<u>Port of Miami River Subelement/Objective 3</u> - Minimization of impacts to estuarine water quality and marine resources. The proposed project is not located within the Miami River.

#### CONSERVATION, AQUIFER RECHARGES AND DRAINAGE ELEMENT IV:

<u>Objective 3/Policies 3A, 3B, 3D</u> - Wellfield protection area protection. - The proposed project is not located within a wellfield protection area.

<u>Objective 3/Policy 3E</u> - Limestone mining within the area bounded by the Florida Turnpike, the Miami-Dade/Broward Levee, N.W. 12 Street and Okeechobee Road. - The proposed project is not located within this area.

Objective 4/Policies 4A, 4B, 4C - Water storage, aquifer recharge potential and maintenance of natural surface water drainage. - The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect water storage, aquifer recharge potential or natural surface water drainage.

<u>Objective 5/Policies 5A, 5B, 5F</u> - Flood protection and cut and fill criteria. — The proposed project does not compromise flood protection, involve filling for development purposes, and is not related to cut and fill activities.

Objective 6/Policy 6A - Areas of highest suitability for mineral extraction. - The proposed project is not located in an area proposed or suitable for mineral extraction.

<u>Objective 6/Policy 6B</u> - Guidelines for rock quarries for the re-establishment of native flora and fauna. - The proposed project is not located in a rock quarry.

<u>Objective 6/Policy 6D</u> - Suitable fill material for the support of development. – The proposed project does not involve filling for the purposes of development.

<u>Objective 7/Policy 7A</u> - No net loss of high quality, relatively unstressed wetlands. – The proposed project will not result in a net loss of any such wetlands.

Objective 9/Policies 9A, 9B, 9C - Protection of habitat critical to Federal or State-designated threatened or endangered species. – The proposed project is not located within an area designated by the MPP as essential habitat for the West Indian Manatee. However, the Class I permit will require that all standard manatee construction permit conditions shall be followed during construction operations.

#### COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT VII:

<u>Objective 1/Policy 1A</u> - Tidally connected mangroves in mangrove protection areas – The project is not located within a designated "Mangrove Protection Area."

<u>Objective 1/ Policy 1B</u> - Natural surface flow into and through coastal wetlands. — The project will not affect natural surface flow into and through coastal wetlands.

<u>Objective 1/ Policy 1C</u> - Elevated boardwalk access through mangroves. – The project does not involve access through mangroves.

<u>Objective 1/Policy 1D</u> - Protection and maintenance of mangrove forests and related natural vegetational communities. - The proposed project does not involve work in mangrove forests, coastal hammock, or other natural vegetational communities.

<u>Objective 1/Policy 1E</u> - Mitigation for the degradation and destruction of coastal wetlands. Monitoring and maintenance of mitigation areas. – The proposed project does not involve the degradation and destruction of coastal wetlands and therefore does not involve monitoring of mitigation for impacts to coastal wetlands.

Objective 1/Policy 1G - Prohibition on dredging or filling of grass/algal flats, hard bottom or other viable benthic communities, except as provided for in Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. — The proposed project will not result in the dredging or filling of grass flats or significant viable benthic communities.

<u>Objective 2/Policies 2A, 2B</u> - Beach restoration and renourishment objectives. - The proposed project does not involve beach restoration or renourishment.

<u>Objective 3/Policies 3E, 3F</u> - Location of new cut and spoil areas for proper stabilization and minimization of damages. - The proposed project does not involve the development or identification of new cut or spoil areas.

Objective 4/Policy 4A, 4C, 4E, 4F – Protection of endangered or threatened animal species. - The proposed work is not reasonably expected to adversely affect endangered or threatened species. The proposed project is not located within an area designated by the MPP as essential habitat for the West Indian Manatee. However, the Class I permit shall include conditions to minimize turbidity during construction operations and protect rare, threatened and endangered species.

<u>Objective 5/Policy 5B</u> - Existing and new areas for water-dependent uses. - The proposed project is not reasonably expected to affect existing water dependent uses.

<u>Objective 5/Policy 5D</u> - Consistency with Chapter 33D, Miami-Dade County Code (shoreline access, environmental compatibility of shoreline development) – The Shoreline Development Review Committee has evaluated the proposed project and determined that the thresholds for review under the Shoreline Ordinance do not apply and the proposed project is not subject to shoreline development review.

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Objective 5/Policy 5F - The siting of water dependent facilities. - The proposed project does not involve the creation of any new water dependent facilities.

- 28. Conformance with Chapter 33B, Code of Miami-Dade County (East Everglades Zoning Overlay Ordinance) - The proposed project is not located within the East Everglades Area.
- 29. Conformance with Mismi-Dade County Ordinance 81-19 (Biscayne Bay Management Plan Sections 33D-1 through 33D-4 of the Code of Miami-Dade County) - The proposed project is consistent with the Biscayne Bay Management Plan.
- 30. Conformance with the Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan The proposed project is not located within an area designated by the MPP as essential manatee habitat for the West Indian Manatee. However, the Class I permit will require that all standard manatee conditions be followed during all in-water construction operations.
- 31. Consistency with Miami-Dade County Criteria for Lake Excavation The proposed project does not involve take excavation.
- 32. Municipality Recommendation Pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(A)(7), Code of Miami-Dade County. Florida, a substantiating letter shall be submitted stating that the proposed project does not violate any zoning laws. Said letter will be submitted after the approval by the Board of County Commissioners and prior to the issuance of the Class I permit.
- 33. Coastal Resources Management Line A coastal resources management line was not required for the proposed project, pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(A)(10)(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Florida.
- 34. Maximum Protection of a Wetland's Hydrological and Biological Functions The proposed project is not expected to impact wetland hydrological and biological functions.
- 35. Class I Permit Applications Proposing to Exceed the Boundaries Described in Section D-5.03(2)(a) of the Miami-Dade County Public Works Manual - Not applicable.

The proposed project was also evaluated for compliance with the standards contained in Sections 24-48.3(2).(3), and (4) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The following is a summary of how the standards relate to the proposed project:

24-48.3 (2) Dredging and Filling for Class I Permit – The proposed project does not involve dredging or filling of tidal waters.

24-48.3 (3) Minimum Water Depth Required for Boat Slips Created by the Construction or Placement of Fixed or Floating Docks and Piers, Piles and Other Structures Requiring a Permit Under Article IV. Division 1 of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County - The proposed project does not involve the creation of a boat slip.

24-48.3 (4) Clean Fill in Wetlands - The proposed project does not involve placing clean fill in wetlands.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A CLASS I PERMIT BE APPROVED.

Lisa. M. Spadalina, Manager Coastal Resources Section

Christine Hopps, ERPS Coastal Resources Section