

City of Hermosa Beach

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Hermosa Beach, Community Development Department, has released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Transpacific Fiber-Optic Cables Project. The Draft EIR is available for review for a 45-day period ending on February 17, 2016. Comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted to the City during that period.

PROJECT TITLE: Transpacific Fiber-Optic Cables Project.

PROJECT APPLICANT: MC GLOBAL BP4, 16 Walkabout Lane, Napa, CA 94558.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the installation and operation of up to four transpacific submarine cable systems, which would connect the United States to various Pacific Rim locations such as Southeast Asia, China, Australia, and Japan. The terrestrial components of the Project would include marine directional bores, beach manholes, buried conduit systems, power feed equipment facilities, fiber optic cables, ocean ground beds, and other ancillary components. The marine components of the project are comprised of the marine fiber optic cables and the marine portion of the directional bores.

PROJECT LOCATION: The cable landing sites would be on the beach just west of 25th Street and on the beach just west of Neptune Street. Optional sites are proposed on Longfellow Avenue and 25th Street between Hermosa Avenue and Manhattan Avenue. Proposed power feed equipment would be located at 1529 Valley Drive, 102 Pacific Coast Highway, 1601 Pacific Coast Highway, and/or Valley Park. Fiber-optic cable would be installed in various City streets.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: Based on the analysis in the Draft EIR, the project would likely result in significant effects related to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use and recreation, noise, and traffic. Most of these effects are associated with installation of the fiber-optic cables and associated facilities.

PUBLIC MEETING: An information session on the project and EIR will be conducted as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hermosa Beach Planning Commission on January 19, 2016, which will start at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers at 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California, 90254.

The Draft EIR is available at the Community Development Department, City of Hermosa Beach, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California, 90254, or online at http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=504.

The period for submitting comments on the Draft EIR is January 4, 2016, to February 17, 2016. All comments must be mailed or submitted no later than February 17, 2016. Comments may be submitted by U.S. Mail or by e-mail to:

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All comments become part of the public record.

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