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## Dredging News # 9

Dear POMA Clients and Stakeholders,

1. On 21 October 2022 we finally received the long – awaited Coastal Waters Discharge permit. As expected, there are a long list of conditions attached, the most relevant for the moment are listed below:
  - 1.1. The duration is for 5 years.
  - 1.2. It allows us to release effluent from our settling ponds at a maximum rate of 333m<sup>3</sup> per day on suitable outgoing tides.
  - 1.3. There are very stringent monitoring requirements, requiring POMA to engage the services of a suitably qualified person.
2. In conjunction with the Dumping at Sea permit, which was issued effective 1 October 2022, we now have all the necessary permits to commence with a dredging programme to restore the navigability of the waterways to its original condition, which is specified briefly below:
  - 2.1. A channel, 30 metres wide, with a side slope of 1:8, will be dredged in all the waterways, including the Main Basin, where the side slope will 1:5.
  - 2.2. We estimate that it will take us 3 years to clear the backlog, after which we can resume maintenance dredging, which will include clearing around the jetties and berths. We will not be allowed to dredge during the months of September, October, and November, “the fish spawn season”.
  - 2.3. The work will be done with the POMA dredger and personnel. Extra manpower will be employed on a contract basis.
  - 2.4. The conditions attached to the 2018 dredging permit issued by DEA&DP (Provincial) authorities in 2018 are still valid, which means we can only dredge during daylight hours on weekdays, excluding public holidays, and on sufficiently strong outgoing tides.
  - 2.5. The Dumping location will be just inside the Western Entrance to the Marina and the Discharge from the settling ponds will be via the newly built channel, just to the north of the Western Entrance.
3. The POMA Dredging Committee will now study all the permit conditions and will, with the assistance of our ECO, Dr Sue Tonin, as well as other technical and legal advisors, clear the uncertainties and finalise all outstanding matters with the Department.
4. We have accumulated sufficient funds to complete this project without the need for external financing.
5. We are planning to start dredging on 1 December 2022 and will publish additional detail on a regular basis through this medium.

We shall keep you posted.

**POMA Management**