NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15050, the City of Long Beach is the Lead Agency responsible for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing potential impacts associated with the project identified below.

AGENCIES: The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed project. Specifically, the City of Long Beach requests input on the environmental information that is germane to your agency’s statutory responsibility in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may rely on the Draft EIR prepared by the City when considering permits or other approvals for this project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City of Long Beach requests your comments and concerns regarding the proposed scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Pacific Pointe East Development Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Southeast corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Conant Street near the Long Beach Airport (Los Angeles County Assessor’s ID Number 7149-005-006).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves construction of three industrial buildings on a site currently improved as a paved surface parking lot. These buildings would have an open floor plan and are intended for light industrial, light manufacturing, warehouse, office, and/or research and development land uses. These three buildings would have a maximum height of 41 feet with a total floor area of 494,000 square feet and 722 on-site parking spaces, broken down as follows: Building 9 – 144,000 square feet with 221 parking spaces; Building 10 – 118,000 square feet with 156 parking spaces; and Building 11 – 232,000 square feet with 345 parking spaces.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the proposed project could have potentially significant impacts on the following environmental factors: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Transportation/Traffic.
PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The public review and comment period during which the City of Long Beach will receive comments on the NOP for this proposed project is:

Beginning: Wednesday, January 22, 2014    Ending: Thursday, February 20, 2014

THE NOP AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor
Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
Online at: www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please list a contact person for your agency or organization, include U.S. mail and email addresses, and send your comments to:

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