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December 8, 2020

**Re: Application #00139 Development Variance Permit Application / Trio Ready Mix Concrete Raw Materials Storage Facility 2800 Bridge Street**

Mayor and City Council,

We support investments in the local marine industrial harbor. A reliable local source of high-quality ready-mix concrete is vital for construction projects in Victoria.

We have worked together with Trio Ready Mix and the Ralmax Group on many projects over the years and have found them to be a consistent and professional organization.

We support the DPV application No. 00139 as construction partners and as neighbours through our ownership and tenancy at 360 Harbour Rd.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Application # 00139 Development Variance Permit Application/TRIO Ready-Mix Concrete Raw Materials Storage Facility 2800 Bridge Street**

Dear Mayor and Council

I write to show my support for Ralmax/TRIO Ready-Mix's application for a development variance permit that will allow for the construction of a storage silo at their new concrete plant located on the upper harbour at 2800 Bridge St. in the Rock Bay neighbourhood of Victoria. What is being proposed is an innovative and acceptable addition to the working harbour that would create important, well-paying jobs in the Capital Region. This is another excellent example of Ralmax's commitment to responsible industry on Victoria harbour.

Key Sustainability Features of the TRIO Plant

- Reduced land footprint through use of silos
- Stormwater capture, treatment & re-use
- Waterfront access reduces ground transportation and associated fuel and emissions
- New reclaimer equipment allows for recycling of waste concrete
- Lower carbon concrete through use of Carbon Cure™ technology
- Shoreline rehabilitation with EConcrete Blocks (pending approval)
- Dust and noise abatement through enclosed conveyor system that is electric

Councillors and Mayor, I, and the Veins of Life Watershed Society and your community have had a long-term relationship, with Ralmax Group of Companies. In 1995 when the Gorge Waterway / Victoria Harbour Watershed cleanup got started, it was Ralmax who sat at the table with other people related to our working harbour. Out of that meeting sprung an effort that no other community on our North American West Coast has repeated – the return of swimmable waters in the Gorge and Harbour by the year 2000.

Some of our Councillors of the day became Founding Members and huge supporters of this effort. The International Times Colonist Gorge Waterway Victoria Harbour Event was celebrated in the summer of 2000. We got it done.

Ralmax Group of Companies again has stepped forward dealing with Abandoned Dead Boats and Marine Debris. Over last three years, working with Transport Canada, Capital Regional District, Island Trust, and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations through Salish Sea Industrial Services LTD. (a partnership with Ralmax), together we have removed 81 Dead Boats and

Marine Debris totaling over 300,000 metric tons from the waters of the Salish Sea including the upper harbour. As of December 7, we will be removing 25 more regionally.

TRIO's application is part of Ralmax's bigger goal that they have been dedicated to for three decades - to restore and protect our waterways by investing in responsible business practices that allow for our last remaining employment lands to continue to generate high-value jobs for people and families in the region.

Please support this application.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JRoe', with a small dot above the 'e'.

John R Roe

A founding member of Veins of Life Watershed Society

A founding member The Dead Boat Society

## Trio Ready-Mix Concrete

### Letter of Support

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Attn: City of Victoria

#### **Re: Trio Ready-Mix New Concrete Plant Site, Height Variance Application**

Synergy Enterprises' team of carbon accountants has conducted a review of the emissions associated with operating and sourcing raw materials for Trio's ready-mix concrete plants. We compared the old plant at 1020 Hallowell Road to the newly designed site at 350 David Street. There are several components of the operations at the new site that will contribute to direct and indirect greenhouse gas emission reductions:

- Use of direct barge shipments for raw materials will eliminate over 3,000 deliveries of aggregate in heavy-duty, diesel-powered vehicles annually
- Newly designed plant will reduce water use by over 1 million litres annually
- Switch from General Use (GU) to Portland Limestone Cement (PLC) and the use of Carbon Cure technology will reduce emissions by 14.5% per tonne of concrete

In order to achieve these greenhouse gas emissions reductions and water savings, and to minimize land use, a silo will need to be constructed to store aggregate. The new silo will reduce emissions associated with transporting raw materials and water use for cooling aggregate.

Trio's new plant will likely have the lowest carbon intensity of any concrete batch-mixing plant in Western Canada. We believe that this new plant aligns with the climate action objectives that the City of Victoria has put forward. It is important that any concrete generated in our city has the lowest possible carbon footprint.

Sincerely,



Jill Doucette, CEO & Founder, Synergy Enterprises

