

From: [McNish, James JTT:EX](#)
To: [Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX](#); [Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX](#)
Cc: [Szabo, Maria JTT:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: international office transition notes
Date: December 30, 2019 6:37:02 PM
Attachments: IN_InternationalOfficeTransitionsAsia_DraftV2.docx
ATT00001.htm
QA_InternationalOfficeTransitionsAsia_30Dec2019_DraftV3_Clean.docx
ATT00002.htm

Hey Tim and Jen,

Here are the IN and QA for the TIR transition.

Brad's team is working on the stmt now.

Let me or Maria know if there is anything else you need.

-James

From: [Szabo, Maria JTT:EX](#)
To: [Ralston, Bruce JTT:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: Minister's statement on the office transition for international trade in Asia
Date: December 30, 2019 8:40:48 PM

Minister: here's the statement (without Tim's comments — I'm not sure if he will have any suggestions, but can pass them on to you if he does).

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX" <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 30, 2019 at 8:24:54 PM PST
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To: [Szabo, Maria JTT:EX](#)
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Subject: Re: Minister's statement on the office transition for international trade in Asia
Date: December 30, 2019 8:53:32 PM

Sorry. Just saw this reply. s.13

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On Dec 30, 2019, at 8:29 PM, Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Tim, do you want to take a look at this first before I pass it over to MBR? He is antsy to see it so let me know how long you might need with it.

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To: [Campbell, Tracy JTT:EX](#); [Szabo, Maria JTT:EX](#)
Cc: [Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX](#); [McNish, James JTT:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Minister's statement on the office transition for international trade in Asia
Date: December 30, 2019 9:28:09 PM

Closing the loop with 5 Smyth, Zussman, Baldry, Shaw and Frank Qi from Omni...

Tracy I will tell Mike Smyth we will follow up on his question about the number of contractors tomorrow

Thanks everyone

From: Campbell, Tracy JTT:EX <Tracy.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 30, 2019 9:26 PM
To: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks, Maria. Looks good to me.

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Subject: Re: Minister's statement on the office transition for international trade in Asia
Date: December 30, 2019 9:41:04 PM

I think you mean the edited version below
Otherwise fine

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On Dec 30, 2019, at 9:30 PM, Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Minister, the edits below should be making it out to reporters shortly. We may get some follow-ups and we'll deal with those as they come in.

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