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From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Sent: December 31, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Cc: Szabo, Maria JEDC:EX; McNish, James IRR:EX
Subject: RE: City News Media Request

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 31, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: City News Media Request

Jeremy Nuttall at the Star would also like the statement please.

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On Dec 31, 2019, at 8:41 AM, Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you Jen.

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 31, 2019 8:33 AM
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Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: City News Media Request

Morning all,
A request for you. Omni also called and I directed to your comms team. I suspect there will be a number of others today, especially in Chinese media.

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To: "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Smith, George PREM:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: City News Media Request

Hi Jen!

Media request here for you. Thank you!

From: Tom Walsh <Tom.Walsh@citytv.rogers.com>
Sent: December 30, 2019 5:46 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: City News Media Request

Dear Premier Horgan

We're looking to get confirmation on a tweet sent this evening from Ben Stewart, MLA for Kelowna West that says your office has shut down all B.C trade offices in Asia with immediate effect. Could you please kindly confirm this and if it is correct, then for what reason

Many thanks

Tom Walsh.

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From: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX
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Subject: Fwd: Minister's statement on the office transition for international trade in Asia

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Cc: "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Minister's statement on the office transition for international trade in Asia

Apologies, there was a delay in approvals. This has been reviewed by JTT's ADM and DM.

Let me know if the minister has any changes. I have let the reporters know it is coming and will send as soon as I hear back from you.

Statement from the Honourable Bruce Ralston Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology

Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology Bruce Ralston has made the following statement about the office transition plan for international trade in Asia.

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British Columbia wants to expand and diversify our presence in Asia, connect more closely with the federal government's international resources s.13

That's why we are transitioning our trade and investment services in Asia from a contractor model to one where we co-locate provincial public servants in Canadian Embassies and Consulates.

We think this change will better help B.C. businesses and give British Columbian's the best value for the investment they are making.

Background

- B.C.'s Asian Trade Investment Representative TIR offices are in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Manila, Jakarta, Singapore, New Delhi, Mumbai, Chandigarh, and Hyderabad.

- Under the new model, the Province will no longer carry the costs of contractors and independent office leases. Instead, public servants will be co-located in the Government of Canada's consulates and embassies throughout Asia.
- This operational change is focused on improved service delivery s.13
- Any cost savings from a transition to embedded resources is being redeployed to expansion of our network and increased program dollars to support BC business activities.
- By updating staffing levels to reflect current opportunities and the interests of BC businesses we expect there to be no budget impact.
- The Ministry anticipates redeploying s.13 in 2020/2021 to new in-market activities and expansion into new markets.

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Sent: December 30, 2019 6:37 PM
To: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Cc: Szabo, Maria JEDC:EX
Subject: Fwd: international office transition notes
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

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From: Szabo, Maria JEDC:EX
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Cc: McNish, James IRR:EX
Subject: Fw: international office transition notes
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Here's some more information. These are still sitting with some question marks -- if there's anything in here that you need more detail on urgently, we can get those questions to our Ministry staff directly, so let us know if you require anything else.

From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Sent: December-30-19 6:24 PM
To: McNish, James JTT:EX; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX
Subject: international office transition notes

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Subject: Stakeholder Engagement Plan - TIR Offices - Asia.doc (confidential)
Attachments: Stakeholder Engagement Plan - TIR Offices - Asia.doc; ATT00001.htm

From: [Lesiuk, Tim JTT:EX](#)
To: [Plecas, Bobbi IGRS:EX](#); [Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX](#)
Cc: [Cameron, Tara D IGRS:EX](#); [Baker, Jelene IGRS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Confidential: Change to Asia Trade and Investment representation
Date: December 27, 2019 2:21:31 PM

Forgot to add, please keep this information confidential and do not forward to staff until Monday, as we will be informing our staff and other contractors at that time.

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Sent: December 27, 2019 1:30 PM
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Cc: Campbell, Tracy JTT:EX ; Cameron, Tara D IGRS:EX ; Baker, Jelene IGRS:EX
Subject: Confidential: Change to Asia Trade and Investment representation

Hello Bobbi and Pierrette,

On Monday, December 30 we will be letting our trade and investment Managing Directors in Asia and India know that we will not be continuing their contract services beyond spring 2020. We will be transitioning to representatives embedded in the offices of Global Affairs Canada missions in the respective countries. Some contracts will expire at the end of March and others will be provided notice as per their contract conditions. We will be working with our contractors to manage the communication of this transition through the International Trade Division and are asking them to direct all inquiries to my office. s.13

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We will provide additional detail

on Monday and I am available to answer your questions at any time. Please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Tim

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Cc: [Campbell, Tracy JTT:EX](#); [Jang, Monica JTT:EX](#); [Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX](#); [Plamondon, Lea TRAN:EX](#)
Subject: International Trade Representatives in Asia
Date: December 30, 2019 9:43:41 AM

Good Morning,

Today we will be informing our trade and investment representatives in Asia that we will not be contracting for their services beyond spring 2020. Future international market activities in Asia will be made through co-locating provincial public servants in the Government of Canada's Embassies and Consulates in the respective countries.

As you know, the province is making a concerted effort to diversify its international activities through the new International Engagement Framework. By being connected more closely with our federal partners we will broaden our network for businesses development, lower fixed costs for taxpayers and give ourselves more flexibility to expand our presence in Asia as we diversify our international activities. Some of our trade and investment's representatives' contracts will expire at the end of March and others will be provided notice as per their contract conditions. There are no changes to our representation in the United States or Europe. This new co-location model will take effect on April 1, 2020 for all offices in Asia.

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be working with our contractors to manage the communication of this transition through our International Trade Division. I would also ask that you direct any questions you may receive about this transition to Tracy Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade.

Sincerely,

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Cameron, Tara D IGRS:EX

From: IGRS FOI IGRS:EX
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Subject: Fwd: QA_InternationalOfficeTransitionsAsia_ 31 Dec 2019_FINAL

GCPE shared their messaging with me.
FYI - See below.

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Subject: QA_InternationalOfficeTransitionsAsia_ 31 Dec 2019_FINAL

Hi Karen,

Here are the final Q&As re: change in delivery model for offices in Asia.

Cheers,

Hope

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