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Statement Regarding Letter Sent to E&B ***City Requests Additional Information about Proposed Oil Project***

HERMOSA BEACH, CA – City Manager Tom Bakaly issued the following statement today regarding the letter the City of Hermosa Beach has sent to E&B Natural Resources Management, Inc. (E&B) requesting additional information to complete its proposed oil project application:

“E&B provided a voluminous amount of information in its application for a proposed oil production project, and the city’s staff has spent numerous hours reviewing the information provided. As part of this routine process of reviewing materials, the staff has determined additional information is needed regarding E&B’s parking, lighting, storage and stormwater mitigation plans, as well as its proposal for amending the Coastal Land Use Plan. Once the city has received this additional information, it will be able to deem the application complete and move forward with the environmental reviews required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).”

Under CEQA, the City of Hermosa Beach is the lead agency for the review of E&B’s proposed oil production project. E&B filed its proposed project application with the city in November. As part of the city’s administrative processes under CEQA, the city had 30 days to determine if E&B had provided all the necessary information.

E&B can now submit the additional information requested. Once the city has determined it has received all the needed information, it will deem the application complete and issue a Request for Proposals for a qualified environmental consultant to assist with the preparation of the environmental documents required to comply with CEQA. The City Council will select the consultant at a public City Council meeting. For more information about the CEQA process, please visit:

<http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=699>

About Hermosa Beach

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is known as “The Best Little Beach City.” Named “Southern California’s Greenest City” for its work to protect the environment, it is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents located on the southern end of Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, and its beaches have been ranked among the best in the world. To learn more, please visit www.hermosabch.org.

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