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Att: Mr John Crawford

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27 May 2013

Re. Heritage Assessment: 5-7 Bank Street, Pyrmont

Dear Mr Crawford,

We refer to your advice that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has, as part of its response to the development proposal for the above site, advised that the neighbouring site at 1-3 Bank Street is an identified heritage item in the NSW RMS Maritime Heritage and Conservation Register.

We have investigated this matter and have determined that the inclusion of this site in the Register is part of an update of the Register which has only recently been completed. The new and updated NSW RMS Maritime Heritage and Conservation Register has not yet been made available, nor even announced, through the usual channels (ie the NSW State Heritage Inventory database / the NSW Heritage Advisors Network), nor is it available through the websites of Roads and Maritime Services, NSW Maritime or the Road Transport Authority. We understand that the updated Register has been submitted to the NSW Heritage Branch for inclusion in the NSW State Heritage Inventory database and this is in the process of being implemented.

We have examined the content of the listing for 1-3 Bank Street, the former Cam's Wharf site and considered the nature and degree of its heritage significance. A member of our staff, Tony Brassil, is very familiar with the site, its history and its fabric.

The Cam's Wharf site was established in the 1930s as a depot for a notable local fishing fleet (the largest in Sydney Harbour prior to the outbreak of World War Two). The majority of the fleet were requisitioned during World War Two for minesweeping operations and several undertook notable service. The fleet continued operating from this site till the mid-1960s, after which changed circumstances in the industry saw the closure of the company and disposal of the fleet. The site is primarily significant for its historic and associational values, represented by the remaining fabric of the wharf, workshops and fish-processing buildings.

We have reconsidered the development proposed for the Sydney Heritage Fleet (SHF) at 5-7 Bank Street in the light of the listing status of the adjacent property and its identified heritage significance and we consider that there will be no adverse impact upon the heritage values or significance of the adjacent site arising from the proposed SHF development.

The operations of the SHF would be consistent with the maritime history and character of the former Cam's Wharf. The proposed buildings and waterfront structures to be established for the SHF do not impinge upon the adjacent site, nor limit the future management of the Cam's Wharf site as a former maritime industrial site.

We consider, therefore, that this new information does not substantively change the conclusions of our Heritage Impact Assessment report and that this letter should be provided to the Department of Planning as an addendum to our existing report in support of that position.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. McIntyre-Tamwoy', with a stylized, cursive script.

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy
Associate Director and Research Co-ordinator