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MEDIA RELEASE

WITHDRAWAL OF COAL YARD EXPANSION RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

On Wednesday 21 March 2012 Lyttelton Port of Christchurch (LPC) withdrew our application for the coal yard expansion resource consent.

In April 2010 LPC applied to the Environment Court for a total of 13 consent applications relating to the proposed expansion of LPC's coal handling facility at Te Awaparahi Bay.

Following the earthquakes of September 2010, February and June 2011, our focus, after the safety of our people, was to keep customer services operating and to ensure that vital goods and commodities moved safely through the port.

These significant events have overtaken some of this project and LPC is now focused on earthquake recovery and rebuild.

We are looking at alternative ways within the existing Port land area to handle future growth.

The 10 hectare reclamation approved by the Order in Council will not be used for coal unless consents are applied for.

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