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Commander, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
Michigan State Police
P.O. Box 30634
333 S. Grand Avenue
Lansing, MI 48909-0634

Subject: Dock Repair Plan

Dear Sir;

As you are aware, Champion's Auto Ferry has had to impose limits on the types and weights of vehicles that our boat will carry due to the damage inflicted on our docks this past summer by the high water. Our updated plan for restoring transportation service for larger/heavier vehicles is as follows:

1. We have already removed the downstream, mainland dock from service and have commenced interim repairs to the dock. This will consist of installing a new hinge foundation in ground that has not been affected by the high water (approximately 30 feet back from the front of the dock). We will then connect the primary front beam of the dock to the hinge point with a series of 30 ft long I-beams. In addition, we will also re-drive new pipes for the downstream screw jack foundation to stabilize this corner of the primary front beam. Once complete, we will then install new grating on top of the I-beams and grade the initial approach to ensure a smooth transition between the dock and land.
2. Once the interim repairs to the mainland downstream dock are completed, we will resume construction of the two new docks on the mainland.

Our initial estimate is that the interim repairs to our existing dock will be completed by April 30, 2020. However, weather, and especially river ice conditions could impact this date. Once the repairs to our existing dock are complete, we will be able to lift the temporary restrictions and resume transporting large/heavy vehicles.

As soon as the existing dock is returned to service, we will resume the construction of the two new docks. Our goal is to have at least one of the two new docks in service by the middle of summer, but this will greatly depend on the final completion date of the repairs to the existing dock. Once both of the new docks are complete, we will then remove the existing two docks on the mainland and install 2 additional replacement docks. This will result in having 4 new docks that are designed for both the extremely high water that we are currently experiencing, as well as the low water that we have seen in previous years.

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As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

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Vice President
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