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### Port of Bundaberg to receive urgent dredging works

Gladstone Ports Corporation has been working closely with Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) on restoring operations at the Port of Bundaberg, following the severe flooding of the Burnett River that closed operations at the port.

CEO Leo Zussino said it has been resolved that MSQ would facilitate arrangements for small manoeuvrable ships to be utilised for shipping within a restricted area of operation at the port.

“MSQ has also advised that the temporary navigation aids required to undertake ship movements within the port during daylight hours will be delivered around Sunday February 20.

“We have made arrangements to have those navigational aids placed in their designated locations immediately following the dredging, sooner if practicable.”

Mr Zussino added the dredge TSHD Brisbane will be at the port to undertake three days dredging around February 22.

“The dredging campaign will be targeted and has been developed in consultation with MSQ to achieve the best outcome from the limited availability of the TSHD Brisbane,” Mr Zussino stated.

“To aid in this process, the TSHD Brisbane will be assisted by the Pacific Tiger which will be undertaking co-ordinated bed-levelling using a 20 tonne bar.

“The dredging campaign will aim at increasing the depth within the channel to 7m Lowest Average Tide (LAT) and 9m LAT in the berth pockets, as well as increasing the area of the temporary swing basin which will be dredged to a minimum depth of 5m LAT.

“Subject to the success of the dredging campaign, it is the intention that MSQ will allow larger ships up to enter the port.”

Mr Zussino added that it had been the focus of GPC to resolve a process with Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) and Qld Sugar to deal with the immediate issue of exporting the 120,000 tonne of sugar stored at the port of Bundaberg.

“We understand the community concern and we can assure the community we are totally focussed on the immediate issue of the stored sugar.

“We are working hard to restore normal operations to the Port of Bundaberg.”

Mr Zussino said GPC will provide regular updates to keep the community informed on the status of the port.

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