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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this issue.

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Open letter to the Portland Community

For more than a month now, the Maritime Union of Australia has held our ship hostage in the Port of Portland. The ship MV Portland was to have sailed to Singapore on 14 November, but has been prevented from doing so because some MUA members of the crew refuse to sail.

This action now threatens the arrival of the next cruise ship into Portland and the substantial benefits that it brings to the Portland community. As owner of the MV Portland, Alcoa Portland Aluminium requires the ship be sailed to Singapore for sale and has directed this happen with numerous sailing times having been arranged over the past few weeks. However, the MUA has repeatedly prevented this from occurring.

The immediate issue of the cruise ship arrival can be fixed by allowing the MV Portland to be moved to anchor and clear the berth for the cruise ship to dock. Therefore we have today directed the ship operators, ASP Ship Management, to move the ship to anchor as soon as possible.

The only thing now threatening arrival of the cruise ship to Portland is the refusal of the MUA to allow the ship to move.

In a recent letter to Portland business proprietors the MUA claims the ship cannot be moved because of health and safety issues. This is impossible to believe. Furthermore, the MUA and its members have twice been ordered by the Fair Work Commission to stop industrial action and last week the Federal Court gave orders restraining four of the crew members from engaging in industrial action.

The MUA and its members should obey the Fair Work Commission's and the Federal Court's orders and immediately allow the ship to sail and remove the threat to Portland businesses.

The MUA claims to be concerned about protecting local jobs. Our concern is to protect the more than 720 direct jobs and hundreds more flow-on jobs created by the Portland smelter. With the price of aluminium at levels not seen since the global financial crisis we are doing all we can to ensure the smelter remains viable, both now and in to the future. That's why we chose to sell the 27 year old MV Portland and reduce maintenance and shipping costs.

Portland Aluminium has been a big part of the Portland community for more than 30 years and we hope to remain that way for many years to come.

It's time for the MUA to stop holding our ship hostage to further its own objectives, and obey the lawful directions of the Fair Work Commission and the Federal Court.

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Portland Smelter Manager

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