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His Majesty's Assistant Coroner for the Coroner Area of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot
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30 July 2025

Dear Sir

Re: Regulation 28 Report: David Chiaka Ejimofor

Associated British Ports wish to thank the Coroner for writing to our Chief Executive and bringing to our attention the various matters of concern that were prompted by his investigation into the tragic death of David Chiaka Ejimofor. Associated British Ports express their sympathy to the family of David Chiaka Ejimofor.

I am responding on behalf of the Chief Executive and confirm that the Chief Executive has seen and approved this response.

It should be noted that this response is based entirely on the Regulation 28 Report that was received.

We acknowledge the Coroner's concerns and recommendations and are committed to working collaboratively with Neath Port Talbot Council (NPTC) and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

We will seek to respond to the point of deterrence measures (including signage and a limited height barrier) that has been raised by the Coroner's concerns and to identify any changes to signage, barriers and/or fencing at the breakwater to mitigate the risk of any future death by undertaking a signage, fencing and barrier review and implementing any necessary actions identified by such review. The review has commenced and will risk assess each option to ensure that by reducing one risk it does not create another. The initial review is anticipated to be concluded by the end of

July 2025. The maintenance inspections of the breakwater will continue and Associated British Ports will consider the findings of each inspection to determine whether a further review of the deterrence measures is required.

For a second successive year, Associated British Ports has deployed an additional security officer to monitor the whole of the Port Talbot Estate during the summer months.

Associated British Ports have been informed via NPTC that the RNLI have been monitoring the breakwater.

Associated British Ports are repeating this summer an awareness communication that has been run in previous summers warning of the dangers of water. The communication is posted on various media to include Instagram.

Associated British Ports have no record of a lifeguard being located on the breakwater at times of higher risk.

We trust that the information provided demonstrates Associated British Ports' commitment to working to prevent future incidents in this area and to working collaboratively with other stakeholders.

Yours faithfully



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