



Patrick Terminals

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New Infrastructure Surcharge East Swanson Dock from 10 March 2014

Rent and rates charges at the Port of Melbourne have increased considerably in the last few years and throughout our current tenancy at East Swanson Dock (ESD). Since 2006, the combined cost of land tax, rental and council rates at ESD has increased in excess of 90%. Whilst we have implemented a number of initiatives to improve efficiency and productivity in order to avoid the imposition of additional costs on the supply chain, we can no longer absorb all of these excessive charges.

From the 10th of March 2014, we will apply an infrastructure surcharge at the Patrick ESD Terminal as part of the basis on which access to the Terminal is granted. The surcharge will be applied to road transport operators for all full container movements (VBS and Bulk Runs), both import and export, handled at the Terminal. The surcharge of

The surcharge will be covered by the existing terms and conditions of the Vehicle Booking System, including payment terms. Ongoing access to the Terminal will be conditional on payment of the charges as per our conditions. It is important to note that a substantial part of our Terminal, including our dedicated Truck Marshalling Area, is devoted to the servicing of road transport and that the cost of providing this specialist infrastructure has, like the Terminal as a whole, been subject to the cost increases indicated above.

It is important to note that we have absorbed previous increases in infrastructure costs for several years however this is no longer sustainable. Patrick will apply the surcharge to all road transport operators on exactly the same basis. The charge will be reviewed annually along with our other terms and conditions.

Patrick will continue to strive to maintain exemplary service to all transport operators ensuring rapid turnaround of trucks.