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## PHOSPHATE ROCK Ex NM CHERRY BLOSSOM

## **POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION OF CARGO**

The NM Cherry Blossom has been berthed in Port Elizabeth Harbour from July 2017 when the first set of samples were taken. The most likely contamination that could have taken place is the ingress of sea water.

Looking at the comparison of the results below of Sodium and Chloride (Salt), there does not appear to have been any significant ingress of sea water over the period July 2017 until March 2018

|                | Hold 1 | Hold 2 | Hold 3 | Hold 4 | Hold 5 |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sodium as Na   |        |        |        |        |        |
| July 2017      | 0.13   | 0.14   | 0.58   | 0.13   | 0.13   |
| October 2017   | 0.07   | 0.07   | 0.37   | 0.08   | 0.08   |
| March 2018     | 0.13   | 0.13   | 0.80   | 0.13   | 0.14   |
| Chloride as Cl |        |        |        |        |        |
| July 2017      | 0.09   | 0.08   | 0.47   | 0.07   | 0.10   |
| October 2017   | 0.05   | 0.05   | 0.23   | 0.05   | 0.06   |
| March 2018     | 0.05   | 0.05   | 0.41   | 0.05   | 0.06   |

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