NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 18 of 2014

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – SOUTH EAST REGION

HARBOUR OF RYE

COASTAL DEFENCE WORKS AT Broomhill Sands, Camber, East Sussex

Mariners are advised that work will commence around 14 August 2014 to install a rock revetment, marine construction work - including removal of wood piles and placing heavy rock armour - at Broomhill Sands, Camber.

Rock will be brought by the 140m barge Stema Barge II to an anchorage established as a box between:

Southern line 50.52.30.00'N Northern line 50.52.90.00'N Eastern line 0.49.00'E Western line 0.48.10'E

The rock will be transhipped to the 82m barge Charlie Rock and towed by the handling tug Afon Goch or Afon Briant. The delivery route from the anchorage to the beach will vary throughout the contract to allow for local weather conditions and location of delivery at the beach

The transhipment barge will leave the main barge to deliver rock to the beach approximately 2 hours before each high water. The unloading process will take 8 days (subject to weather), with a 15 day gap, while the main barge reloads with rock and returns. In all there will be 3 loaded barges to discharge. There may be vessels supplying rock in between the barges - it will take three days to deliver each ship load as required.

Rock discharge work is anticipated to finish by the end of October 2014 and will recommence in March 2015 for 5 to 6 months.

Mariners are requested to keep a safe distance from the anchored and delivery vessels, and be aware that there could be obstructions in the vicinity of the beach unloading operations.

The vessels, barges and tugs will display all lights and marks required by the Collision Regulations, and the handling tugs will maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 16.

For the month of August, there will be a RIB in the water acting as safety boat

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