

Date: 28-11-2019

**Subject: Temporary Closure of Al Tanuma Bridge**

Dear valued partners:

This notice is to inform you that the Al Tanuma Bridge will be tentatively closed for renovations for two to three months as early as the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Our team is currently working to get an official notice from the relevant authorities, but due to the current political unrest, this notice is still pending.

For your background, the Tanuma Bridge links the Tanuma area of eastern Basra and Basra City Centre. The normal operation has it open three times a week after midnight. Earlier plans to renovate the bridge were postponed due to lack of funds, but more recently, this issue has been resolved.

This renovation is a short-term inconvenience but will increase the maximum vessel beam permitted from 20 meters to approximately 35 meters. This will also help minimize transit time for vessels serving our terminal as we will be able to receive four voyages per month rather than three. Equally important, following the renovation, the bridge will not require a boat to assist in the opening.

Looking ahead we will continue to keep you informed of the situation. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the contact details provided in this notice.

Your kind understanding is much appreciated.

Best regards.

Hutchison Ports Basra