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August 17, 2021.

Ryan Strand 1657 Center Street, LLC 3610 N Puget Sound Avenue Tacoma, WA 98407

## Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

- Site Name: Aladdin Plating
- Site Address: 1657 Center Street, Tacoma, Pierce County, WA 98489-7919
- Cleanup Site ID: 3257
- Facility/Site ID: 1277
- County Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 2855000010

Dear Ryan Strand:

On May 5, 2021, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that 1657 Center Street, LLC is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Aladdin Plating facility (Site). On June 4, 2021, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. As of June 4, 2021, Ecology had not received any written comments from you

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that 1657 Center Street, LLC is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that 1657 Center Street, LLC is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.105D.040 (2)).<sup>1</sup> Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statue and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the 1657 Center Street, LLC to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/dispo.aspx?cite=70.105D.040

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Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).<sup>2</sup>

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in chapter 70.105D<sup>3</sup> in RCW, and chapters 173-340<sup>4</sup> and 173-204<sup>5</sup> of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Andrew Smith, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Andrew Smith at 306-485-3987 or andrew.smith@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca S. Lawson, P.E., LHG Section Manager Toxics Cleanup Program Southwest Regional Office

By certified mail: 9489 0090 0027 6092 9912 39

cc: John Level, Office of the Attorney General Ecology Site File

<sup>2</sup> https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/dispo.aspx?cite=70.105D.050

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/dispo.aspx?cite=70.105D

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173.340

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173.204