

January 17, 2022

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Washington State Department of Ecology
15700 Dayton Avenue North
Shoreline, Washington 98133

**RE: PROGRESS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021
BLOCK 38 WEST SITE
500 THROUGH 536 WESTLAKE AVENUE NORTH
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
AGREED ORDER NO: DE 17963
FARALLON PN: 397-019**

Farallon Consulting, L.L.C. (Farallon) has prepared this progress report on behalf of City Investors IX L.L.C. (City Investors IX) to provide a written monthly report describing actions taken during the previous month to implement the requirements of the Agreed Order and to document the alley interim action activities conducted during December 2021 at the Block 38 West Site. The remedial investigation activities are being performed under the Agreed Order No. DE 17963 (AO) between the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and City Investors IX. The Block 38 West Site, as defined under the AO, is where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located. The Block 38 West Site is generally located at 500 through 536 Westlake Avenue North in Seattle, Washington (Block 38 West Property).

This progress report provides a summary of activities performed during the reporting period; changes in key personnel involved with the work; deviations from the scope of work; deviations from the schedule and resolution; a summary of sampling and testing reports; work planned and deliverables for the next reporting period; and public or regulatory communications.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

The elements of the remedial investigation being performed under the AO during this reporting period were implemented in accordance with the AO and the *Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan, Block 38 West Property, 500 through 536 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington* dated July 20, 2020, prepared by Farallon (Draft RI Work Plan).¹ The following work was conducted during redevelopment of the Block 38 West Property:

- **Monitor Groundwater Elevations.** Farallon continues to monitor groundwater levels at the Block 38 West Property at a series of observation wells, OW-1, OW-2, OW-3, and OW-5, associated with the former construction dewatering system. Rebound of the

¹ City Investors IX recognizes that the *Remedial Investigation Work Plan* is still in draft form and subject to further revision and final approval by Ecology.



groundwater table to static (non-pumping) conditions at the Block 38 West Site is not anticipated until sometime after construction dewatering at 400 Westlake Avenue on the south-adjacent block (unrelated to the Block 38 West Site) ceases. According to Ecology's electronic database, the property at 400 Westlake Avenue North is associated with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Site, Cleanup Site Identification 12005, and the construction dewatering system was operated to facilitate redevelopment activities and was anticipated to operate through the fall or winter of 2021.

- **Remedial Investigation Activities.** Farallon exchanged correspondence with the City of Seattle regarding the pending street use permit application for the five borings and eight monitoring wells to be installed within the Mercer Street, Westlake Avenue North, and Republican Street rights-of-way.
- **Reporting.** Review of Ecology comments and revisions on the Draft RI Work Plan are ongoing. On December 29, 2021, City Investors provided a response to the September 14, 2021 letter from Ecology regarding general issues related to the remedial investigation data gaps. Farallon began preparing the Agency Review Draft Interim Action Report for the Alley at the Block 38 West Site based on and in accordance with the AO requirements.

CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL

There were no changes to key personnel.

DEVIATIONS FROM INTERIM ACTION WORK PLAN OR APPROVED SCOPE OF WORK

There are no deviations to report for the work related to the requirements of the AO.

DEVIATIONS FROM SCHEDULE AND RESOLUTIONS

Currently, no delays are anticipated to the AO Schedule.

SAMPLING PERFORMED, RESULTS, DATA VALIDATION, AND EIM DATABASE

Soil samples were collected from borings FB-18 and FB-19, west of former soil sample location TP-12, in accordance with the revised RI Work Plan Sampling and Analysis Plan to support the remedial investigation at the Block 38 West Site. Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons were reported either non-detect at the laboratory practical quantitation limits or less than Washington State Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation screening levels in the soil samples collected from borings FB-18 and FB-19 at elevations 20 and 15 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988, respectively. The soil laboratory analytical results will be incorporated into the Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation Report. Data validation is ongoing.

WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Work planned for the January 2022 reporting period includes the following:

- Installation of the remaining four proposed monitoring wells in the Alley and the single boring north of the Alley the weekend of January 22 and 23, 2022;



- Preparation of the Agency Review Draft Interim Action Report for the Alley at the Block 38 West Site; and
- Revision of the Draft RI Work Plan.

PUBLIC OR REGULATORY COMMUNICATIONS

City Investors IX has not participated in any meetings with interested members of the public or local governments, nor has it had any formal communications with Ecology personnel during this reporting period (i.e., other than ongoing coordination and discussions with Ecology regarding the remedial investigation).

Please contact the undersigned at (425) 295-0800 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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