

October 3, 2023

Reserve Silica Corporation c/o Doug Steding Northwest Resource Law PLLC 71 Columbia Street, Suite 325 Seattle, WA 98104

### Re: Former Asarco Soil Nature and Extent Investigation Report Reserve Silica Corporation, Ravensdale, Washington Project No. 230360-A

Dear Doug:

Aspect Consulting, LLC (Aspect) has prepared this letter report to document our investigation into the presence, nature, and extent of arsenic- and lead-contaminated soil at the Reserve Silica Corporation (Reserve) Property located at approximately 28131 SE Ravensdale Way (King County tax parcel 0121069010) in Ravensdale, Washington. The investigation was completed as an independent action under the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), which is comprised of Chapter 70A.305 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and its implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

The investigation was conducted in accordance with the scope of work described in the August 22, 2023, work plan<sup>1</sup> with minor revisions to address Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) comments on the work provided in their September 1, 2023, comment letter<sup>2</sup>. This letter report provides the project background, a description of our investigation work, and a summary of the results.

# Project Background

In May 2023, a contractor reportedly imported 33 truckloads of arsenic- and lead-contaminated soil to the Reserve Property. The soil, estimated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at approximately 700 cubic yards in total volume, was generated during property redevelopment activities at the former Asarco Tacoma Smelter Facility portion of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund site. The soil was excavated from a property located at 5301 North Commercial Street in Ruston, Washington (Source Property). In July 2023, the EPA became aware of the soil excavation and disposal work completed in conjunction with property redevelopment and notified Ecology and Reserve of the non-compliant soil disposal. The investigation described herein was conducted to begin to determine the presence, nature, and extent of metals-contaminated soil delivered to the landfill.

EPA provided a laboratory analytical report to Reserve on August 22, 2023, which included the results for 20 soil samples collected by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department in August

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Aspect Consulting, LLC, Letter regarding Former Asarco Soil Nature & Extent Investigation, Reserve Silica Inert Waste Landfill, Ravensdale, Washington, August 22, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Washington State Department of Ecology, 2023, Letter regarding Comments on Former Asarco Soil Nature & Extent Investigation, Reserve Silica Inert Waste Landfill, Ravensdale, Washington (Aspect Consulting), September 1, 2023.

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2023 from the Source Property. Concentrations of arsenic were reported up to 85 times higher than the MTCA Method A soil cleanup level (cleanup level) of 20 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), and concentrations of lead were reported up to 20 times higher than the cleanup level of 250 mg/kg.

# Soil Investigation

On September 6, 7, and 8, 2023, 16 borings were advanced using direct-push drilling methods and a track-mounted rig by a Washington State-licensed driller (Holt Services, Inc.). The boring locations are shown on Figure 1. Initial borings were placed near the center of the landfill area and generally spiraled outward in a counterclockwise direction in an attempt to identify the location of elevated concentrations of arsenic and lead in soil as a result of the Source Property deposits. Each soil boring was advanced to a total depth of 18.5 to 30 feet below ground surface (bgs), depending on geology and drilled core recovery. Borings that were completed to total depths shallower than the 25-foot total depth described in the August 22, 2023, work plan were completed into native geology.

Soil samples were collected from each boring in 1-foot intervals above 10 feet bgs and 6-inch intervals below 10 feet bgs and were field screened for arsenic and lead using a Thermo Fisher Scientific Niton XL5 Plus x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer. Soil samples were periodically collected for laboratory analysis to confirm of metals concentrations measured by XRF. Each boring location was temporarily marked in the field with a stake, flagging, and unique identification, and surveyed by a professional land surveyor (Encompass Engineering and Surveying).

# Investigation Results

The soil observed in the borings generally consisted of silty-sand fill with trace to few anthropogenic debris overlying blue-gray, low plasticity clay fill, overlying native, yellow-brown silt with sand. The silt with sand is interpreted to be located at the pre-fill ground surface and to be weathered Puget Group-Renton Formation sedimentary bedrock, the native formation in this area<sup>3</sup>. Native material was encountered at depths of 15 to 17 feet bgs in borings on the northeast side of the fill area (furthest up the pre-fill slope) and was not encountered to total depths explored of 25 to 30 feet bgs in borings on the southwest side of the fill area (further down the pre-fill slope) where the fill thickness is greater. Soil boring logs are included as Appendix A.

The silty-sand fill and clay fill are poorly compacted, which results in compression of soil within the sampling sleeve from the weight of the probe rod advancing through the fill soil. This results in recovery that appears to be less than the 5-foot drive interval. The soil recovery from the borings is interpreted to be adequate to fully evaluate the presence, nature, and extent of metals-contaminated soil at those locations.

The soil XRF measurements and analytical results for samples collected at the Reserve Property were compared to the MTCA Method A soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land use (Table 1). The soil XRF measurements and analytical results are included in Table 1 and the laboratory analytical report is included as Appendix B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Aspect Consulting, LLC, 2017, Remedial Investigation Report, Reserve Silica Ravensdale Site, November 2017.

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Arsenic and lead were consistently measured above the XRF level of detection (LOD) and analytical reporting limits at concentrations comparable to regional background concentrations for the Puget Sound region<sup>4</sup> (7 mg/kg for arsenic and 24 mg/kg for lead) and below the MTCA Method A cleanup levels of 20 mg/kg and 250 mg/kg, respectively. Arsenic was detected at concentrations slightly above the MTCA Method A cleanup level in single, discrete fill soil samples collected from borings AB-01, AB-12, and AB-16, with measured concentrations ranging from 22 mg/kg to 38 mg/kg (Table 1). Arsenic was also detected at concentrations slightly above the MTCA Method A cleanup in four native soil samples, with measured concentrations ranging from 21 mg/kg to 31 mg/kg (Table 1). Lead was not measured or detected above the MTCA Method A screening level in any of the soil samples (Table 1).

# Limitations

Work for this project was performed for the Reserve Silica Corporation (Client), and this letter was prepared in accordance with generally accepted professional practices for the nature and conditions of work completed in the same or similar localities, at the time the work was performed. This letter does not represent a legal opinion. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

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Please refer to Appendix C titled "Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use" for additional information governing the use of this report.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Washington State Department of Ecology, 1994, Natural Background Soil Metals Concentrations in Washington State, Toxics Cleanup Program, Publication # 94-115, October 1994.

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Attachments:	Table 1 – Soil Metals Results
	Figure 1 – Site Exploration Map
	Appendix A – Boring Logs (not included with Draft)
	Appendix B – Laboratory Report
	Appendix C – Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use

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# TABLE

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		8		AB-01-08	4	16		
		10		AB-01-10	7	10		
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		11	-	AB-01-11	6	7		
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		13		AB-01-13	8	16		
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			ITCA Method	A Cleanup Level <sup>1</sup>	20	250	20	250
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dentification	Sample Date	(feet bgs) <sup>3</sup>	Soil Type	Sample Name				
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		17		AB-11-17	4	8		
		20		AB-11-20	7	<lod (1)<="" td=""><td></td><td></td></lod>		
		20.5		AB-11-20.5	5	3		
		21	Fill - Clay	AB-11-21	7	<lod (1)<="" td=""><td></td><td></td></lod>		
		21.5		AB-11-21.5	5	6		
		22		AB-11-22	7	5		
		22.5		AB-11-22.5	8 7	5		
		23 25		AB-11-23 AB-11-25	3	9 9		
		25		AB-11-25 AB-11-25.5	3 7	9 10		
		25.5 0.5		AB-11-25.5 AB-12-0.5	4	10		
		0.5		AB-12-0.5 AB-12-01	4 6	8		
		2		AB-12-01 AB-12-02	4	5		
		5		AB-12-02 AB-12-05	13	18		
		5.5		AB-12-5.5	10	15		
		6		AB-12-06	10	30		
		6.5	Fill - Sand	AB-12-6.5	10	10		
		7		AB-12-07	8	33		
	0/0/0000	10		AB-12-10	12	7		
AB-12	9/8/2023	10.5		AB-12-10.5	13	10		
		11		AB-12-11	4	18		
		15		AB-12-15	6	5		
		15.5		AB-12-15.5	23	64	3.88	9.42
		16		AB-12-16	7	6		
		16.5		AB-12-16.5	6	<lod (1)<="" td=""><td></td><td></td></lod>		
		17	Native	AB-12-17	9	10		
		17.5		AB-12-17.5	6	7	6.87	3.54
	-				8	7		

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					XRF Fie Arsenic	ld Data <sup>2</sup> Lead	Analytic Arsenic	Lead
		N	TCA Mothod	A Cleanup Level <sup>1</sup>		Lead 250	Arsenic 20	250
Poring		N Sample Depth		A Cleanup Level	20	250	20	250
Boring Identification	Sample Date	(feet bgs) <sup>3</sup>	Soil Type	Sample Name				
	Cumpie Dute	0.5	een type	AB-13-0.5	10	22		
		1	_	AB-13-01	8	14		
		2	Fill - Sand	AB-13-02	11	17		
		3		AB-13-03	5	7		
		5		AB-13-05	4	15		
		6		AB-13-06	9	4		
		7		AB-13-07	19	42		
		7.5		AB-13-7.5	8	7		
		8		AB-13-08	7	7		
		10	Fill - Clay	AB-13-10	6	4		
AB-13	9/8/2023	10.5		AB-13-10.5	11	36		
		11		AB-13-11	8	9		
		11.5		AB-13-11.5	7	13		
		12		AB-13-12	10	6		
		15		AB-13-15	10	5		
		15.5		AB-13-15.5	12	10		
		16		AB-13-16	10	8		
		16.5	Native	AB-13-16.5	14	12		
		17		AB-13-17	20	10		
		17.5		AB-13-17.5	23	12		
		18		AB-13-18	27	10	23	8.16
		0.5		AB-14-0.5	9	12		
		1		AB-14-01	10	14		
		1.5 2	Fill - Sand	AB-14-1.5	12 7	8		
		5		AB-14-02 AB-14-05	15	8 20	 4.63	8.83
		5.5		AB-14-05 AB-14-5.5	9	20		
		5.5 6		AB-14-06	9 5	8		
		6.5		AB-14-00 AB-14-6.5	8	23		
		10		AB-14-0.5 AB-14-10	7	7		
		10.5		AB-14-10.5	9	, 18		
	9/8/2023	11	-	AB-14-11	8	10		
AB-14		11.5		AB-14-11.5	6	2		
		15		AB-14-15	5	8		
		15.5		AB-14-15.5	4	8		
		16	Fill - Clay	AB-14-16	3	8		
		16.5		AB-14-16.5	7	15		
		20		AB-14-20	6	3		
		20.5	1	AB-14-20.5	9	11		
		21		AB-14-21	6	7		
		21.5		AB-14-21.5	7	19		
		22		AB-14-22	4	7		
		22.5		AB-14-22.5	6	13		
		23		AB-14-23	10	9		
		0.5		AB-15-0.5	9	26		
		1.5	Fill - Sand	AB-15-1.5	7	15		
		2		AB-15-02	6	17		
		5		AB-15-05	8	19		
		6		AB-15-06	10	30		
		6.5		AB-15-6.5	8	5		
		10 10.5		AB-15-10 AB-15-10.5	8 8	11 13		
		10.5		AB-15-10.5 AB-15-11	8 5	9		
		11.5	Fill - Clay	AB-15-11.5	5 11	9 50		
		11.5	i iii - Olay	AB-15-11.5 AB-15-12	8	12		
AB-15	9/8/2023	12		AB-15-12 AB-15-15	9	52	3.78	13.1
		15.5		AB-15-15.5	4	11		
		16		AB-15-16	8	43		
					~		1 1	
				AB-15-16.5	13	11		
		16.5 20		AB-15-16.5 AB-15-20	13 10	11 12		

20.5		AB-15-20.5	11	10	 
21		AB-15-21	31	9	 
21.5	Native	AB-15-21.5	13	12	 
22		AB-15-22	10	9	 
22.5		AB-15-22.5	16	11	 
23		AB-15-23	9	17	 

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					XRF Fie	ld Data <sup>2</sup>	Analytic	al Data
					Arsenic	Lead	Arsenic	Lead
		Μ	ITCA Method	A Cleanup Level <sup>1</sup>	20	250	20	250
Boring		Sample Depth						
Identification	Sample Date	(feet bgs) <sup>3</sup>	Soil Type	Sample Name				
		0.5		AB-16-0.5	11	16		
		1		AB-16-01	7	9		
		2		AB-16-02	10	7		
		5		AB-16-05	20	29		
		6	-	AB-16-06	7	4		
		10		AB-16-10	9	11		
		10.5		AB-16-10.5	14	33		
		11		AB-16-11	6	12		
		11.5		AB-16-11.5	6	5		
		12		AB-16-12	6	11		
		15		AB-16-15	8	12		
AB-16	9/8/2023	15.5	Fill - Sand	AB-16-15.5	9	7		
		16.5		AB-16-16.5	7	22	3.92	18.3
		17		AB-16-17	9	28		
		20		AB-16-20	10	61		
		20.5		AB-16-20.5	7	20		
		21		AB-16-21	8	29		
		21.5		AB-16-21.5	12	63	3.99	38.6
		25		AB-16-25	8	14		
		25.5		AB-16-25.5	6	11		
		26		AB-16-26	11	15		
		26.5	-	AB-16-26.5	7	27		
		27		AB-16-27	22	41		

### Notes:

All results in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)

Blue Shaded - identifies analyte concentrations above the MTCA Method A cleanup level.

LOD - XRF Level of Detection

"--" - indicates results not available

<sup>1</sup>Washington State Department of Ecology Model Toxics Control Act cleanup regulation (MTCA) Method A Soil Cleanup Levels for Unrestricted Land Uses.

<sup>2</sup>Metals concentrations measured in the field using the ThermoScientific Niton XL5 handheld X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzer. <sup>3</sup>Depth of sample collected in feet below ground surface (bgs).

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# FIGURE





### Legend



This figure is based on the following:

Boring locations surveyed by Encompass Engineering & Surveying dates 9/25/2023.
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### Site Exploration Map

Soil Nature and Extent Investigation Reserve Silica Inert Waste Landfill Ravensdale, Washington

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# **APPENDIX A**

**Boring Logs** 

No. 200 Sieve	Gravels - More than $50\%^4$ of Coarse Fraction Retained on No. 4 Sieve	S% F 000000000000000000000000000000000000	2	Well-graded GRAVEL Well-graded GRAVEL WITH SAND Poorly-graded GRAVEL Poorly-graded GRAVEL WITH SAND	MC=Natural Moisture Content PSGEOTECHNICAL LAB TESTSPS=Particle Size Distribution FC=Fines Content (% < 0.075 mm)GH=Hydrometer Test AL=Atterberg Limits C=AL=Atterberg Limits C=Consolidation TestStr=Strength Test OC=Organic Content (% Loss by Ignition) Comp=Proctor Test K=Hydraulic Conductivity Test SG=Specific Gravity Test	
ained on	More than 50% <sup>1</sup> (Retained on No.	% Fines	GM	SILTY GRAVEL SILTY GRAVEL WITH SAND	Organic Chemicals     CHEMICAL LAB TESTS       BTEX     =     Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes	
50%1 Retained on No.	Gravels -	≥15%	GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL CLAYEY GRAVEL WITH SAND	TPH-Dx=Diesel and Oil-Range Petroleum HydrocarbonsTPH-G=Gasoline-Range Petroleum HydrocarbonsVOCs=Volatile Organic CompoundsSVOCs=Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds	
. More than	of Coarse Fraction 4 Sieve	Fines	SW	Well-graded SAND Well-graded SAND WITH GRAVEL	PAHs = Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Compounds PCBs = Polychlorinated Biphenyls <u>Metals</u> RCRA8 = As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Pb, Hg, Se, Ag, (d = dissolved, t = total)	
ned Soils -	of Coarse 4 Sieve	of Coarse 4 Sieve	≤5%	SP	Poorly-graded SAND Poorly-graded SAND WITH GRAVEL	MTCA5 = As, Cd, Cr, Hg, Pb (d = dissolved, t = total) PP-13 = Ag, As, Be, Cd, Cr, Cu, Hg, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Tl, Zn (d=dissolved, t=total)
Coarse-Grained Soils - More than	- 50% <sup>1</sup> or More Passes No.	Fines	SM	SILTY SAND SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL	PID=Photoionization DetectorFIELD TESTSSheen=Oil Sheen TestSPT2=SPT2=Standard Penetration TestSPTNSPT=Non-Standard Penetration TestDCPT=Dynamic Cone Penetration Test	
	Sands - 5	≥15%	SC	CLAYEY SAND CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL	Descriptive Term BouldersSize Range and Sieve Number Larger than 12 inchesCOMPONENT DEFINITIONSCobbles=3 inches to 12 inchesDEFINITIONS	
Sieve	ys Jan 50%		ML	SILT SANDY or GRAVELLY SILT SILT WITH SAND SILT WITH GRAVEL	Coarse Gravel       =       3 inches to 3/4 inches         Fine Gravel       =       3/4 inches to No. 4 (4.75 mm)         Coarse Sand       =       No. 4 (4.75 mm) to No. 10 (2.00 mm)         Medium Sand       =       No. 10 (2.00 mm) to No. 40 (0.425 mm)         Fine Sand       =       No. 40 (0.425 mm) to No. 200 (0.075 mm)	
s No. 200	Silts and Clays	Image: Second system       LEAN CLAY         SANDY or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY       Silt and Clay         Image: SANDY or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY       LEAN CLAY WITH SAND         LEAN CLAY WITH GRAVEL       % by Weight         Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY       LEAN CLAY WITH GRAVEL         Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY       LEAN CLAY WITH GRAVEL         Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY       Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY         Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY       Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY         Image: Sandy or GRAVELLY       LEAN CLAY WITH GRAVEL         Image: Sandy or GRAVEL       Image: Sandy or GRAVEL	<u>% by Weight</u> Modifier <u>% by Weight</u> Modifier         ESTIMATED <sup>1</sup>			
ore Passes No.	Sil				1 to <5 = Trace 30 to 45 = Some 5 to 10 = Few >50 = Mostly	
ls - 50%1 or M	/S More		мн	ORGANIC SILT WITH GRAVEL ELASTIC SILT SANDY OF GRAVELLY ELASTIC SILT ELASTIC SILT WITH SAND ELASTIC SILT WITH GRAVEL	Dry=Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touchMOISTURESlightly Moist=Perceptible moistureCONTENTMoist=Damp but no visible waterCONTENTVery Moist=Water visible but not free drainingVetWet=Visible free water, usually from below water table	
Fine-Grained Soils	Silts and Clays		сн	FAT CLAY SANDY or GRAVELLY FAT CLAY FAT CLAY WITH SAND FAT CLAY WITH GRAVEL	Non-Cohesive or Coarse-Grained SoilsRELATIVE DENSITY $\underline{Density^3}$ $\underline{SPT^2 Blows/Foot}$ $\underline{Penetration with 1/2" Diameter Rod}$ Very Loose= 0 to 4 $\geq 2'$	
Fine-(	Si		он	ORGANIC CLAY SANDY OF GRAVELLY ORGANIC CLAY ORGANIC CLAY WITH SAND ORGANIC CLAY WITH GRAVEL	Loose       = 5 to 10       1' to 2'         Medium Dense       = 11 to 30       3" to 1'         Dense       = 31 to 50       1" to 3"         Very Dense       = > 50       < 1"	
Highly	Organic Soils		PT	PEAT and other mostly organic soils	Cohesive or Fine-Grained Soils       CONSISTENCY         Consistency <sup>3</sup> SPT <sup>2</sup> Blows/Foot       Manual Test         Very Soft       0 to 1       Penetrated >1" easily by thumb. Extrudes between thumb & fingers.         Soft       2 to 4       Penetrated 1/4" to 1" easily by thumb. Easily molded.	
name; e.g. GRAVEL" r gravel. • "	., SP-SM • ' means 15 t Well-gradee	'SILTY" or "C o 30% sand d" means ap	LAYEY" me and grave proximate	% silt and clay, denoted by a "-" in the group eans >15% silt and clay • "WITH SAND" or "WITH I. • "SANDY" or "GRAVELLY" means >30% sand and ly equal amounts of fine to coarse grain sizes • "Poorly izes • Group names separated by /" means soil	Medium Stiff=5 to 8Penetrated >1/4" with effort by thumb. Molded with strong pressure.Stiff=9 to 15Indented $\sim 1/4"$ with effort by thumb.Very Stiff=16 to 30Indented easily by thumbnail.Hard=>30Indented with difficulty by thumbnail.	
contains la Soils were	ayers of the	e two soil type and identifie	es; e.g., SM d in the fi	//ML.	GEOLOGIC CONTACTS           Observed and Distinct         Observed and Gradual         Inferred	
ASTM D24	188. Where	indicated in	the log, so	bils were classified using ASTM D2487 or other report accompanying these exploration logs for details.		

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Estimated or measured percentage by dry weight
 (SPT) Standard Penetration Test (ASTM D1586)
 Determined by SPT, DCPT (ASTM STP399) or other field methods. See report text for details.

**Exploration Log Key** 













VIEW STANDARD EXPLORATION LOG TEMPLATE P:/GINTW/PROJECTS/230360\_RESERVE SILICA.GPJ October 2, 2023

















VEW STANDARD EXPLORATION LOG TEMPLATE P:/GINTW/PROJECTS/230360 RESERVE SILICA.GPJ October 2, 2023





# **APPENDIX B**

Laboratory Report

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

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September 15, 2023

Breeyn Greer, Project Manager Aspect Consulting, LLC 710 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Suite 550 Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms Greer:

Included are the results from the testing of material submitted on September 11, 2023 from the Reserve Silica Drilling 230360, F&BI 309119 project. There are 15 pages included in this report. Any samples that may remain are currently scheduled for disposal in 30 days, or as directed by the Chain of Custody document. If you would like us to return your samples or arrange for long term storage at our offices, please contact us as soon as possible.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you and hope you will call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

FRIEDMAN & BRUYA, INC.

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Michael Erdahl Project Manager

Enclosures c: Aspect Data ASP0915R.DOC

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

### CASE NARRATIVE

This case narrative encompasses samples received on September 11, 2023 by Friedman & Bruya, Inc. from the Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360, F&BI 309119 project. Samples were logged in under the laboratory ID's listed below.

<u>Laboratory ID</u>	Aspect Consulting, LLC
309119 -01	AB-08-06
309119 -02	AB-09-27
309119 -03	AB-10-07
309119 -04	AB-11-12
309119 -05	AB-12-15.5
309119 -06	AB-12-17.5
309119 -07	AB-13-18
309119 -08	AB-14-5
309119 -09	AB-15-15
309119 -10	AB-16-16.5
309119 -11	AB-16-21.5

All quality control requirements were acceptable.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

# Analysis For Total Metals By EPA Method 200.8

Client ID:	AB-08-06	Client:	Aspect Consulting, LLC
Date Received:	09/11/23	Project:	Reserve Silica Drilling 230360
Date Extracted:	09/11/23	Lab ID:	309119-01
Date Analyzed:	09/11/23	Data File:	309119-01.105
Matrix:	Soil	Instrument:	ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
	Concentration		
Analyte:	mg/kg (ppm)		
<b>A</b> .	<b>~</b> 20		
Arsenic	5.20		
Lead	33.2		

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

# Analysis For Total Metals By EPA Method 200.8

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-09-27 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-02 309119-02.123 ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic Lead	8.42 $45.9$		
#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

AB-10-07	Client:	Aspect Consulting, LLC
09/11/23	Project:	Reserve Silica Drilling 230360
09/11/23	Lab ID:	309119-03
09/11/23	Data File:	309119-03.124
Soil	Instrument:	ICPMS2
mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Concentration		
mg/kg (ppm)		
4 84		
6.24		
	09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight Concentration mg/kg (ppm) 4.84	09/11/23 Project: 09/11/23 Lab ID: 09/11/23 Data File: Soil Instrument: mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight Operator: Concentration mg/kg (ppm) 4.84

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID:	AB-11-12	Client:	Aspect Consulting, LLC
Date Received:	09/11/23	Project:	Reserve Silica Drilling 230360
Date Extracted:	09/11/23	Lab ID:	309119-04
Date Analyzed:	09/11/23	Data File:	309119-04.125
Matrix:	Soil	Instrument:	ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
	Concentration		
Analyte:	mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic	5.35		
Lead	4.30		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-12-15.5 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-05 309119-05.126 ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic	3.88		
Lead	9.42		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-12-17.5 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-06 309119-06.127 ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic Lead	$\begin{array}{c} 6.87\\ 3.54\end{array}$		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-13-18 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-07 309119-07.128 ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic Lead	$23.0\\8.16$		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted:	AB-14-5 09/11/23 09/11/23	Client: Project: Lab ID:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-08
Date Analyzed:	09/11/23	Data File:	309119-08.138
Matrix:	Soil	Instrument:	ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic Lead	$4.63 \\ 8.83$		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-15-15 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-09 309119-09.139 ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic Lead	$3.78 \\ 13.1$		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-16-16.5 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-10 309119-10.140 ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	Concentration mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic Lead	3.92 18.3		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID: Date Received: Date Extracted: Date Analyzed: Matrix:	AB-16-21.5 09/11/23 09/11/23 09/11/23 Soil	Client: Project: Lab ID: Data File: Instrument:	Aspect Consulting, LLC Reserve Silica Drilling 230360 309119-11 309119-11.141 ICPMS2 SD
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight Concentration	Operator:	SP
Analyte:	mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic	3.99		
Lead	38.6		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Client ID:	Method Blank	Client:	Aspect Consulting, LLC
Date Received:	Not Applicable	Project:	Reserve Silica Drilling 230360
Date Extracted:	09/11/23	Lab ID:	I3-701 mb
Date Analyzed:	09/11/23	Data File:	I3-701 mb.096
Matrix:	Soil	Instrument:	ICPMS2
Units:	mg/kg (ppm) Dry Weight	Operator:	SP
	Concentration		
Analyte:	mg/kg (ppm)		
Arsenic	<1		
Lead	<1		

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

Date of Report: 09/15/23 Date Received: 09/11/23 Project: Reserve Silica Drilling 230360, F&BI 309119

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE RESULTS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF SOIL SAMPLES FOR TOTAL METALS USING EPA METHOD 200.8

Laboratory Code: 309119-01 x5 (Matrix Spike)

			Sample	Percent	Percent		
	Reporting	Spike	Result	Recovery	Recovery	Acceptance	RPD
Analyte	Units	Level	(Wet wt)	${ m MS}$	MSD	Criteria	(Limit 20)
Arsenic	mg/kg (ppm)	10	<5	85	93	70-130	9
Lead	mg/kg (ppm)	50	28.4	$77 \mathrm{b}$	89 b	70-130	14 b

Laboratory Code: Laboratory Control Sample

Lasoratory et		1	Percent	
	Reporting	$\mathbf{Spike}$	Recovery	Acceptance
Analyte	Units	Level	LCS	Criteria
Arsenic	mg/kg (ppm)	10	97	85-115
Lead	mg/kg (ppm)	50	104	85 - 115

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTS

#### **Data Qualifiers & Definitions**

a - The analyte was detected at a level less than five times the reporting limit. The RPD results may not provide reliable information on the variability of the analysis.

**b** - The analyte was spiked at a level that was less than five times that present in the sample. Matrix spike recoveries may not be meaningful.

ca - The calibration results for the analyte were outside of acceptance criteria, biased low; or, the calibration results for the analyte were outside of acceptance criteria, biased high, with a detection for the analyte in the sample. The value reported is an estimate.

c - The presence of the analyte may be due to carryover from previous sample injections.

cf - The sample was centrifuged prior to analysis.

d - The sample was diluted. Detection limits were raised and surrogate recoveries may not be meaningful.

dv - Insufficient sample volume was available to achieve normal reporting limits.

f - The sample was laboratory filtered prior to analysis.

fb - The analyte was detected in the method blank.

fc - The analyte is a common laboratory and field contaminant.

hr - The sample and duplicate were reextracted and reanalyzed. RPD results were still outside of control limits. Variability is attributed to sample inhomogeneity.

hs - Headspace was present in the container used for analysis.

ht – The analysis was performed outside the method or client-specified holding time requirement.

ip - Recovery fell outside of control limits due to sample matrix effects.

j - The analyte concentration is reported below the standard reporting limit. The value reported is an estimate.

 ${\rm J}$  - The internal standard associated with the analyte is out of control limits. The reported concentration is an estimate.

jl - The laboratory control sample(s) percent recovery and/or RPD were out of control limits. The reported concentration should be considered an estimate.

js - The surrogate associated with the analyte is out of control limits. The reported concentration should be considered an estimate.

 $k-\mbox{The calibration results}$  for the analyte were outside of acceptance criteria, biased high, and the analyte was not detected in the sample.

lc - The presence of the analyte is likely due to laboratory contamination.

L - The reported concentration was generated from a library search.

nm - The analyte was not detected in one or more of the duplicate analyses. Therefore, calculation of the RPD is not applicable.

 $\rm pc$  - The sample was received with incorrect preservation or in a container not approved by the method. The value reported should be considered an estimate.

ve - The analyte response exceeded the valid instrument calibration range. The value reported is an estimate.

vo - The value reported fell outside the control limits established for this analyte.

x - The sample chromatographic pattern does not resemble the fuel standard used for quantitation.

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# **APPENDIX C**

Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use

# **REPORT LIMITATIONS AND USE GUIDELINES**

## **Reliance Conditions for Third Parties**

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of the Client. No other party may rely on this report or the product of our services without the express written consent of Aspect Consulting, LLC (Aspect). This limitation is to provide our firm with reasonable protection against liability claims by third parties with whom there would otherwise be no contractual conditions or limitations and guidelines governing their use of the report. Within the limitations of scope, schedule and budget, our services have been executed in accordance with our Agreement with the Client and recognized standards of professionals in the same locality and involving similar conditions.

## Services for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects

Aspect has performed the services in general accordance with the scope and limitations of our Agreement. This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of the Client and their authorized third parties, approved in writing by Aspect. This report is not intended for use by others, and the information contained herein is not applicable to other properties.

This report is not, and should not, be construed as a warranty or guarantee regarding the presence or absence of hazardous substances or petroleum products that may affect the subject property. The report is not intended to make any representation concerning title or ownership to the subject property. If real property records were reviewed, they were reviewed for the sole purpose of determining the subject property's historical uses. All findings, conclusions, and recommendations stated in this report are based on the data and information provided to Aspect, current use of the subject property, and observations and conditions that existed on the date and time of the report.

Aspect structures its services to meet the specific needs of our clients. Because each environmental study is unique, each environmental report is unique, prepared solely for the specific client and subject property. This report should not be applied for any purpose or project except the purpose described in the Agreement.

## **This Report Is Project-Specific**

Aspect considered a number of unique, project-specific factors when establishing the Scope of Work for this project and report. You should not rely on this report if it was:

- Not prepared for you
- Not prepared for the specific purpose identified in the Agreement
- Not prepared for the specific real property assessed
- Completed before important changes occurred concerning the subject property, project or governmental regulatory actions

If changes are made to the project or subject property after the date of this report, Aspect should be retained to assess the impact of the changes with respect to the conclusions contained in the report.

## **Geoscience Interpretations**

The geoscience practices (geotechnical engineering, geology, and environmental science) require interpretation of spatial information that can make them less exact than other engineering and natural science disciplines. It is important to recognize this limitation in evaluating the content of the report. If you are unclear how these "Report Limitations and Use Guidelines" apply to your project or site, you should contact Aspect.

## **Discipline-Specific Reports Are Not Interchangeable**

The equipment, techniques and personnel used to perform an environmental study differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical or geologic study and vice versa. For that reason, a geotechnical engineering or geologic report does not usually address any environmental findings, conclusions or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. Similarly, environmental reports are not used to address geotechnical or geologic concerns regarding the subject property.

## **Environmental Regulations Are Not Static**

Some hazardous substances or petroleum products may be present near the subject property in quantities or under conditions that may have led, or may lead, to contamination of the subject property, but are not included in current local, state or federal regulatory definitions of hazardous substances or petroleum products or do not otherwise present potential liability. Changes may occur in the standards for appropriate inquiry or regulatory definitions of hazardous substance and petroleum products; therefore, this report has a limited useful life.

# **Property Conditions Change Over Time**

This report is based on conditions that existed at the time the study was performed. The findings and conclusions of this report may be affected by the passage of time (for example, Phase I ESA reports are applicable for 180 days), by events such as a change in property use or occupancy, or by natural events, such as floods, earthquakes, slope failure or groundwater fluctuations. If more than six months have passed since issuance of our report, or if any of the described events may have occurred following the issuance of the report, you should contact Aspect so that we may evaluate whether changed conditions affect the continued reliability or applicability of our conclusions and recommendations.

### **Historical Information Provided by Others**

Aspect has relied upon information provided by others in our description of historical conditions and in our review of regulatory databases and files. The available data does not provide definitive information with regard to all past uses, operations or incidents affecting the subject property or adjacent properties. Aspect makes no warranties or guarantees regarding the accuracy or completeness of information provided or compiled by others.