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Toxics Cleanup Program – Southwest Region  
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Re: Rail Line Removal  
Abitibi Consolidated Sales Corp. Site  
FSID 57759125  
CSID 2884  
VCP SW1848

Dear Joseph B. Hunt:

Maul Foster and Alongi, Inc. (MFA) prepared this letter as a follow-up to our November 12, 2025, email regarding a planned railroad line removal at the Abitibi Consolidated Sales Corp. Site (the Site). Residual concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil left in place beneath the railroad lines at the Site are subject to an environmental covenant recorded as AFN 201003310170 (the Covenant) with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). Item 2 under Section 1 of the Covenant states:

*“The Owner shall not alter, modify, or remove existing structures in any manner that may result in the release or exposure to the environment of that contaminated soil or create a new exposure pathway without prior written approval from Ecology.”*

A subcontractor (Columbia Rail) seeks to remove the rail tracks for reuse. In this limited scope of work, Columbia Rail will mobilize a salvage team to remove, classify, and load rail materials at the Site. The proposed work includes removing railroad tracks from the railroad ties without disturbing the underlying soils. Salvaged railroad materials may be beneficially reused as railroad tracks or repurposed for secondary applications with minimal waste generation. This limited scope of work will not expose contaminated soils or create new exposure pathways. Nevertheless, as a courtesy, and to avoid any confusion, we are providing this Notice under the Covenant. The proposed scope of work is tentatively scheduled to commence in late January. We appreciate Ecology’s prompt concurrence.

Sincerely,

Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.

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Principal Geologist

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Project Environmental Scientist

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