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SUBJECT: MARCH/APRIL 2019 QUARTERLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING RESULTS

**Nel/Son Distributing Granite Falls** 

**Voluntary Cleanup Program Site ID 12684** 

Mr. Maurer:

This letter presents the results of quarterly groundwater monitoring conducted in March and April 2019 at the Nel/Son Distributing Granite Falls Site (Site). This is the 10th quarterly monitoring event since completion of a remedial action to remove petroleum-contaminated soils at the Site in July 2016.

Floyd|Snider collected samples from the five Site monitoring wells, MW-01 through MW-05, on March 25 and April 4, 2019 (Exhibit 1). Groundwater samples were collected using low-flow methodology, and purged groundwater was collected in a U.S. Department of Transportation-approved drum pending profiling and disposal. The groundwater samples were analyzed for gasoline-range organics (GRO); diesel-range organics (DRO); oil-range organics (ORO); and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX) by Friedman & Bruya, Inc., in Seattle, Washington.

Laboratory analytical data for March/April 2019 quarterly monitoring, as well as prior quarterly monitoring events, are presented in the enclosed Table 1. During March/April 2019 monitoring, DRO was detected at MW-03, MW-04, and MW-05 located on the western and central portions of the Site. At MW-05 in the north-central portion of the Site, the detected DRO concentration of 660 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) exceeded the established Site cleanup level (CUL; Model Toxics Control Act Method A CUL) of 500  $\mu$ g/L. DRO concentrations at MW-03 and MW-04 were less than the CUL. ORO was also detected at 670  $\mu$ g/L at MW-05, exceeding the CUL of 500  $\mu$ g/L. ORO was not detected at MW-03 and MW-04. The detected DRO and ORO results were assigned a data qualifier by the laboratory indicating a poor chromatographic match to the diesel standard caused by interference from naturally occurring polar organic compounds. Samples with detectable DRO or ORO were subsequently re-analyzed using silica gel cleanup to remove the interfering organic compounds. After silica gel cleanup, DRO was not detected in the sample from MW-05 and remained less than the CUL at MW-03 and MW-04. ORO was also not detected in

the sample from MW-05 after silica gel cleanup. GRO, ORO, and BTEX were not detected in samples from any Site wells.

All sample results collected by Floyd|Snider will be uploaded to the Washington State Department of Ecology Environmental Information Management database. We anticipate that we will complete the next quarterly monitoring event in June 2019.

Sincerely,

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Encl.: Table 1 Groundwater Analytical Data

Exhibit 1 Site Map (produced by Slotta Design and Consulting)

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Table 1 **Groundwater Analytical Data** 

Analysis Method			USEPA 8021B				NWTPH-Gx	NWTF	H-Dx
Analyte MTCA Method A Cleanup Level						Gasoline-Range	Diesel-Range	Oil-Range	
			Benzene	Ethylbenzene	Toluene	Total Xylenes	Organics	Organics	Organics
			5	700	1,000	1,000	800/1,000 (1)	500	500
	1	Unit	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L
Well ID	Sampler	Date							
MW-01	Slotta Design and Construction (2)	11/11/2015	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	650	1,200 U
		9/9/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	300
		12/12/2016 3/17/2017	1 U 1 U	1 U 1 U	1 U 1 U	3 U 3 U	50 U 50 U	130 U 130 U	250 U 250 U
		7/12/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		11/6/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		3/15/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		6/19/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		9/28/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
	Floyd Snider (3)	12/21/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	50 U	250 U
		3/25/2019	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	50 U	250 U
MW-02	Slotta Design and Construction <sup>(2)</sup>	11/11/2015	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	640	1,200 U
		9/9/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		12/12/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		3/17/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		7/12/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		11/6/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		3/15/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		6/19/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
		9/28/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	130 U	250 U
	Floyd Snider (3)	12/21/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	50 U	250 U
		4/04/2019	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	50 U	250 U
MW-03	Slotta Design and Construction (2)	11/11/2015	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	83	1,600	1,200 U
		9/9/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	110	1,100	530
		12/12/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	67	620	310
		3/17/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100	420	250 U
		7/12/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	63	170	250 U
		11/6/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	230	250 U
		3/15/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	300	250 U
		6/19/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	340	250 U
		9/28/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	220 68 <sup>(4)</sup>	250 U
		12/21/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	110 (4)	250 U
		3/25/2019 3/25/2019 <sup>(5)</sup>	1 U 	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	69 <sup>(4)</sup>	250 U
		11/11/2015	33	1.6	1.2	7.2	250		250 U
MW-04	Slotta Design and Construction <sup>(2)</sup>	9/9/2016	1 U	1.6 1 U	1.2 1 U	7.2 3 U	250 420	<b>2,200</b> 230	<i>1,200 U</i> 250 U
		12/12/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	140	6,600	3,400
		3/17/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	130	300	250 U
		7/12/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	80	140	250 U
		11/6/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	78	2,000	1,200
		3/15/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	70	290	250 U
		6/19/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	370	250 U
		9/28/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	56	320	250 U
	Floyd Snider (3)	12/21/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	160 <sup>(4)</sup>	250 U
		4/04/2019	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	290 <sup>(4)</sup>	250 U
		4/04/2019						110	250 U
MW-05	Slotta Design and Construction <sup>(2)</sup>	11/11/2015	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	830	510 U
		9/9/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	1,100	1,100
		12/12/2016	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	250	250 U
		3/17/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	290	260
		7/12/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	140	250 U
		11/6/2017	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	600	650
		3/15/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	350	320
		6/19/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	500	410
		9/23/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	50 U	520	410
	Floyd Snider <sup>(3)</sup>	12/21/2018	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	250 <sup>(4)</sup>	250 U
		3/25/2019	1 U	1 U	1 U	3 U	100 U	660 <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>670</b> <sup>(4)</sup>
		3/25/2019 <sup>(5)</sup>						50 U	250 U

-- Not analyzed.

Italic Reporting limit exceeds criterion.

**BOLD/RED** Detected exceedance of criterion.

- Sample collected prior to excavation to remove contaminated soil at the Site.  ${\bf 1} \ \ {\bf Benzene} \ present \ in \ groundwater/no \ detectable \ benzene \ in \ groundwater.$
- ${\bf 2} \ {\bf Samples} \ {\bf collected} \ {\bf by} \ {\bf Slotta} \ {\bf Design} \ {\bf and} \ {\bf Construction} \ {\bf were} \ {\bf analyzed} \ {\bf by} \ {\bf ALS} \ {\bf in} \ {\bf Everett}, \ {\bf Washington}.$ 3 Samples collected by Floyd | Snider were analyzed by Friedman & Bruya, Inc., in Seattle, Washington.
- 4 The laboratory noted that the sample chromatographic pattern does not resemble the fuel standard used for quantitation and appears to contain naturally occuring polar organic
- material that would be removed with silica gel cleanup.

  5 Samples were re-analyzed for diesel- and oil-range organics after performing silica gel cleanup.

Abbreviations:

μg/L Micrograms per liter

MTCA Model Toxics Control Act

NWTPH Northwest Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons USEPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U Analyte was not detected at the given reporting limit.

