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Dear Mr. Brogliatto:

**Re: Performance Verification Plan for Certificate of Compliance  
Former Terrace Pole Dipping Facility – Off-Site Affected Parcel (2908 Sparks Street)  
CN Terrace Yard, Terrace, BC  
Site ID: 19781  
Project No. 13062**

## 1. BACKGROUND

Keystone Environmental Ltd. (Keystone Environmental) has prepared this Performance Verification Plan (PVP) in support of an application for a risk-based Certificate of Compliance (CofC) for the off-site affected parcel listed as 2908 Sparks Street, Terrace, BC (the “Off-Site Affected Parcel”). The Off-Site Affected Parcel contains groundwater contamination associated with historical activities at the former Terrace Pole Dipping Facility, located at 3007 Kallum Street in Terrace, British Columbia (the “Site”).

The PVP presents the principal risk management measures (i.e., the Schedule B key risk management controls) that apply and must remain in place at the Off-Site Affected Parcel to ensure that the CofC remains valid. The PVP was prepared in accordance with BC Ministry of Environment (MOE) Administrative Guidance 14: Performance Verification Plans, Contingency Plans, and Operations and Maintenance Plans (BC MOE, 2015).

The PVP was based on the findings of the following report:

- Keystone Environmental (2017). *Report of Findings – Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, Former Terrace Pole Dipping Facility – Off-Site Affected Parcels, CN Terrace Yard, Terrace, BC*. Dated August 2017.

## 2. PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION PLAN

### 2.1 Determination of Remediation Type

Based on the risk management measures for the Off-Site Affected Parcel, the Remediation Type applicable at the Off-Site Affected Parcel is considered to be Type 2. Remediation Type 2 sites may require the use of engineering and institutional controls to mitigate/eliminate risks at the Off-Site Affected Parcel, but in the event that controls were either not implemented or were implemented but were rendered ineffective, there is a lack of imminent risks.

Under a Remediation Type 2 (Case 2) scenario, MOE (2015) indicates that a PVP is required and that an operations and maintenance plan may be required. A contingency plan is not required.

### 2.2 Required Risk Controls

The principal risk controls which must be maintained at the Off-Site Affected Parcel include the following items:

- Groundwater must not be used as drinking water.

### 2.3 Required Actions to Implement the Required Risk Controls

The following actions are required to implement the risk controls:

- Mandatory notification provided to the owner/operator of the Off-Site Affected Parcel that groundwater wells are not to be installed and used for drinking water purposes.

Records of these actions should be maintained by the owner of the Site and the Off-Site Affected Parcel and submitted to the BC MOE if requested. Other reporting requirements for all performance verification records include the following:

- The Director must be notified promptly by the person(s) responsible for the Off-Site Affected Parcel if performance verification actions indicate that any of the required risk controls are not being met. The following information must be submitted to the Director with the notification, or as soon as practicable thereafter:
  - The time period over which risk controls were not in place or implemented
  - The nature of the excursion(s)
  - The temporary or permanent corrective measures implemented or to be implemented
  - An implementation schedule
  - Supporting documentation
- If requested by the Director, a report signed by an Approved Professional must be submitted for review to the Director and must include the following (as applicable):
  - An evaluation of the performance of the institutional controls
  - Supporting documentation

## 2.4 Summary Rationale

Groundwater contamination greater than the Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR) Schedule 6 drinking water (DW) standards is present on the Off-Site Affected Parcel. Drinking water is currently provided through municipal water lines. Groundwater at the Off-Site Affected Parcel is not anticipated to be used as drinking water in the future. A drinking water use preclusion on the use of groundwater at the Off-Site Affected Parcel is needed to prevent potential human health risks associated with drinking water consumption of off-Site groundwater.

## 2.5 Conclusion

It is our opinion that the actions identified above are sufficient to ensure performance verification of the risk controls required for this Off-Site Affected Parcel.

## 3. GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The findings presented in this report are based upon the field work conducted by Keystone Environmental for CN. Keystone Environmental has prepared this document in good faith and has relied upon information provided by others. Keystone Environmental has assumed that the information provided by third parties is both complete and accurate.

This report was completed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill normally exercised by other environmental professionals, practicing under similar circumstances in the same locale at the time of the performance of the work.

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#### 4. CLOSURE

The opinions, advice and recommendations expressed in this performance verification plan are made in accordance with generally accepted principles and practices as recognized by members of the applicable profession or discipline practising at the same time and in the same or similar locations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the signatories below.

Sincerely,

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## 5. REFERENCES

- BC MOE (2015) British Columbia Ministry of Environment. Environmental Protection Division. *Administrative Guidance 14 on Contaminated Sites: Performance Verification Plans, Contingency Plans, and Operations and Maintenance Plans*. (Version 3.0). December 2015.
- Keystone Environmental (2017). *Report of Findings – Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, Former Terrace Pole Dipping Facility – Off-Site Affected Parcels, CN Terrace Yard, Terrace, BC*. Burnaby, BC. Keystone Environmental Ltd. Dated August 2017.