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Re: ELUR for Metech International, Inc. Allens Avenue Property

Dear Margaret and John:

I am writing to follow up my recent voice mail and e-mail messages to you both regarding the pending draft environmental land use restriction (ELUR) for Metech International, Inc.'s property on Allens Avenue in Providence. As you know, on July 25, 2001, we provided our proposed revisions to the draft ELUR that Margaret had circulated to us for review. As we have discussed with Margaret on several occasions, our revisions were not generally intended to make substantive changes in the requirements imposed by DEM's draft, but rather to reflect the particular factual background regarding the property in question (specifically, the extensive PCB remediation already conducted at the site pursuant to a federal consent decree) and to clarify certain language that appeared ambiguous to us.

We understand that you both have heavy workloads and that, as a general matter, DEM's resources are stretched thin. We have therefore tried to be patient in awaiting your response and

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agreement on final ELUR terms. However, Metech's discussions with DEM regarding Allens Avenue had been ongoing for quite some time before our July 25 submission, and nearly four months have now elapsed since that submission without any further progress. The continuing delays are increasingly prejudicial to the company, which can not effectively market the property without greater certainty regarding the terms of the restrictions that will govern the site's use. As you know, Metech is anxious to sell the property, both to recover a portion of its substantial investment in the PCB remediation and so that the site can be returned to productive use. Accordingly, I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding the acceptability of the pending draft of the ELUR, any further information you need from us, and a timetable for finalizing the ELUR.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Cynthia A. Lewis

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