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**LETTER OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**CASE #99-060**

**Tuesday, October 05, 1999**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

John D. Koskinas, President  
Metech International, Inc.  
120 Mapleville Main Street  
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Mapleville, RI 02839

RE: Metech International, Inc.  
Allens Avenue Facility, Providence, RI

Dear Mr. Koskinas:

On 4 September 1996 the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (the Department) enacted the amended Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (the Remediation Regulations). The purpose of these regulations is to create an integrated program requiring reporting, investigation and remediation of contaminated sites in order to eliminate and/or control threats to human health and the environment in an efficient manner. A Letter of Responsibility (LOR) is a preliminary document used by the Department to codify and define the relationship between the Department and a responsible party.

Please be advised of the following facts:

1. The Department is in receipt of the following reports concerning property identified as 434 Allens Avenue and further defined as Plat Map 47, Lot 601 in the City of Providence, Rhode Island (the Site):
  - Final Site Investigation Report for Boliden Metech, Inc.; prepared by Roy F. Weston, Inc. February 1993;
  - PCB Cleanup Verification Report - Boliden Metech Allens Avenue Facility; prepared by VHB, Inc. April 1998.
2. Metech International, Inc., as current owner and former operator at the Site, is a **responsible party** as defined by Rule 3.60 of the Remediation Regulations.
3. The above referenced documents indicate concentrations of hazardous substances (arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury and silver) in soils which exceed Direct Exposure Criteria, as referenced in the Remediation Regulations. Based on this information, the Department has concluded that **releases of hazardous materials** have occurred which constitute **source areas** of contamination as defined by

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Rules 3.54, 3.28 and 3.62, respectively of the Remediation Regulations.

As a result of the information known and the conditions observed at the site, the Department requests that you comply with the following:

Submit a site investigation work plan to further investigate the nature and extent of contamination discovered at the Site.

Upon approval of the site investigation work plan, be prepared to implement the work plan within 30 days of approval. Upon completion of the fieldwork, submit a site investigation report with remedial action proposals to the Office for review and approval.

Pending the outcome of site investigation report and approval of a remedial action work plan for the Site, be prepared to bring the Site into compliance with the Remediation Regulations.

Metech International, Inc., as current owner and former operator at the Site, is responsible for the proper remediation of hazardous materials at this Site. Furthermore, please note that Metech International, Inc. must notify all abutting property owners and tenants that site investigation activities are about to occur prior to the implementation of any field activities pursuant to Rule 7.07 of the Remediation Regulations.

Please notify this Office within seven days of the receipt of this letter of your plans. If you have any questions regarding this letter or would like the opportunity to meet with Department personnel, please contact Gregg Strakaluse at (401) 222-2797 extension 7142.

Sincerely,



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Supervising Engineer  
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