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Mr. Steven Plunkett  
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Re: Crow Canyon Cleaners, 7242 San Ramon Rd., Dublin, CA 94568

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

This responds in part to your letter dated December 18, 2007, to me and to Mr. Gabriel Chiu, as trustee, regarding the above property.

Responding generally, I want to make it clear that it is and always has been the intent to deal fully and expeditiously with the environmental issues at the above property. It will continue to be so. I believe I can also speak on behalf of the owner, Mr. Chiu as trustee, that he has intended the same.

Having said this, let me respond point-by-point to your letter. First, the issue of the "lack of degradation products" mentioned in the second paragraph of your letter will be addressed in the forthcoming report.

Second, I am contacting the owner's representatives to obtain the "detailed review of the changes to the HVAC system" which is requested in the third paragraph of your letter. It is my hope this can be provided by December 28, 2007, as you requested.

Third, a draft fact sheet that was supposed to have been provided previously will be provided by the December 28, 2007, date you requested in the third paragraph.

Fourth, after careful consideration, Jim Roessler and I have decided that there is need for a fresh start. The purpose for this is to assure high quality scientific environmental review, diligent,

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timely response and implementation of necessary remediation, and experienced litigation support. For these reasons, we are retaining ERM, an environmental consulting firm with offices in Walnut Creek, to take over work from this point forward. Because of this, I would like to request an extension until the 14<sup>th</sup> of January for the Technical Report materials not otherwise to be sooner provided that you have listed for December 28, 2007, and an extension until the 18<sup>th</sup> of January for the Work Plan you requested be submitted by January 1, 2008. This short extension should allow for a smooth transition from AEI to ERM. I believe that it will be possible thereafter to move forward with confidence in the quality and timeliness of needed work.

The other matters stated in your letter, will, of course, be complied with to the best of our and our consultant's ability. And we will continue to make every reasonable effort to see that the dry cleaner operators step forward to meet their responsibilities in this matter.

Finally, the references made to the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund and to petroleum UST system are confusing, and may have been unintended references. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Burrows". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bruce Burrows

CC: Mr. James Roessler