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**ENERGY &  
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PROTECTION**

December 12, 2012

Honorable Scott D. Jackson  
Town of Hamden  
Hamden Government Center  
2750 Dixwell Avenue  
Hamden, CT 06518

Re: Newhall Street Neighborhood Remediation Project, Non-Public Properties  
Conclusion of remedial actions

Dear Mayor Jackson:

I am pleased to inform you that the substantial physical effort of implementing the approved remedial actions at the non-public properties (NPP) portion of the Newhall Street Neighborhood site, as identified in Consent Order SRD-128, is now complete.

Olin Corporation (Olin) notified the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) in a letter dated September 6, 2012, that the excavation of waste fill material from the NPP portion of the site was completed in accordance with the Generic Remedial Action Plan approved by DEEP. The DEEP concurs with this declaration and further finds that the restoration of properties that underwent cleanup has also now been completed.

Accordingly, Olin's contractor, Severson Environmental Services, Inc. (Severson), vacated the equipment staging area located on Morse Street within the site boundary on or about November 15, 2012. As you know, access to the Town-owned property for equipment staging was provided to Olin and its agents pursuant to the Site Access Agreement for Temporary Access Easements and Staging Area, dated July 27, 2010 (the "Access Agreement"). The Access Agreement essentially states that Olin shall remove all structures, equipment and fixtures installed or used in connection with the required environmental cleanup actions in the NPP area. Further, any waste materials temporarily placed at the staging area must also be removed.

My staff recently visited the staging and easement areas and believes these areas are in a condition that is generally the same, if not better, than they were previous to the Access Agreement. Based on my staff's discussions with Town agents, we believe the Town is also satisfied with the condition of the staging area and easements. The exception is that water, sewer and electric services extended to the staging area to support the cleanup activities were retained

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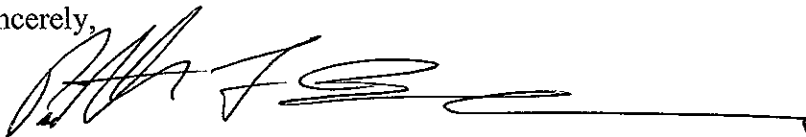
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at the request of the Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) to assist their efforts to rehabilitate the former Community Center Building located adjacent to the staging area. It is our understanding that the accounts for those utility services have been transferred from Severson to HEDC.

Olin and its agents will continue to have a presence in the neighborhood, albeit much less intrusive, to monitor groundwater quality following the cleanup efforts and to replace items under warranty.

From DEEP's perspective, the Town may proceed to terminate the Access Agreement and release Severson of payment and performance bond obligations under the Access Agreement. Please do not hesitate to contact Ray Frigon of my staff at 860-424-3797 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick Bowe  
Director  
Remediation Division

c:

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David Share, Olin Corporation  
Alan Elia, Jr., Severson Environmental Services, Inc.

Enclosure