

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Former International Light Metals Facility Post-Closure Permit

Project Location: 19200 S. Western Avenue, Torrance, California 90502

County: Los Angeles

Project Description:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued a Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit (PCP) for Former International Light Metals Facility (Facility) effective on April 8, 2013. Lockheed Martin Corporation is the Operator with respect to the PCP and Corrective Action at the Facility and Sunshine Distribution, LLC is the owner the real property. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under Chapter 6.5, section 25200 of the California Health and Safety Code (HS&C) has approved the revised PCP application dated April 26, 2012 for the Facility which was submitted by Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMC). The Facility is subject to post-closure care because DTSC required clean-up standards for groundwater contamination that could not be met during closure activities. The PCP will require the owner/operator to continue requirements of the Corrective Action Consent Agreement executed for the Facility in December 1998 and any subsequent revisions and other requirements imposed by DTSC. The PCP requires the continued annual groundwater monitoring of the groundwater monitoring wells, inspect, repair, maintain and report on the integrity and general condition of the wells, and inspection, repair and maintenance of the concrete and asphalt paving covering the former Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) areas.

Project Activities:

The underground tank system, the 4000-gallon underground tank and the 500-gallon aboveground tank were not considered closed on the basis that they may have contributed to groundwater contamination. The underground tank system consists of a 4200- gallon underground tank and the hazardous waste storage -yard for the purpose of the PCP. Because clean closure was not achieved for these Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs), DTSC has required a permit for post-closure monitoring under California Code of Regulations (Cal Code Regs.), title 22, Division 4.5, Article 6, section 66264.117. The groundwater remediation, which is being addressed separately under the Corrective Action Consent Agreement for groundwater executed for the site in December 1998.

Implementation of the PCP will consist of the following activities, which cumulatively comprise “the Project.”

Annual groundwater sampling from the monitoring wells on and near the site. Three of the wells will be sampled quarterly for the first year and annually thereafter. Sampling will be accomplished using trucks capable of transporting pumps that will be sampled in accordance with the DTSC approved Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the site. The condition of each well will be assessed each time it is sampled to ensure items such as the casing, caps, wellhead cover, and other features are in their intended condition. These items will be replaced or repaired as needed in response to inspection results.

Annual site inspection and maintenance of paved surfaces overlying the HWMUs will be performed by LMC or its designee. LMC will perform maintenance activities during the post-closure period to maintain: 1) the integrity of the flat paving and covering of the former HWMU areas; and 2) the continued proper performance of groundwater monitoring wells. Maintenance activities may require application of surface sealants, or demolition and replacement of paving. Only one of the HWMUs is covered by flat paving, whereas the other HWMUs are covered by buildings. HWMUs covered by buildings will only need inspections or action in the event overlying structures are demolished or renovated.

The groundwater samples will be analyzed for the following monitoring contaminants of concern (COCs): TCE, PCE, hexavalent chromium and 1,4-dioxane. Secondary COCs which will also be routinely analyzed and tabulated include primary pollutant halogenated and non-halogenated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and Cal Code Regs., title 22 priority metals. Additionally, once every five years, each of the compliance monitoring wells shall be sampled and analyzed for the constituents listed in Cal.Code Regs., title 22, Chapter 14, Appendix IX.

Implementation of post-closure requirements, consisting of annual groundwater sampling and twice-annual site inspections is anticipated to take three days per year.

**Background:**

The Former International Light Metals (ILM) facility (site) is located at 19200 South Western Avenue in Torrance, California. The site comprises approximately 67 acres in a fully developed area zoned for general commercial and industrial use. The developed property is rectangular in shape and is located near the San Diego I-405 freeway, at the southeast corner of the intersection of Western Avenue and 190th Street. The site is fully developed and contains 5 warehouse/distribution office buildings. Western Avenue forms the western property boundary, and 190th Street forms the northern boundary. The site is surrounded by various commercial enterprises.

The site was formerly an industrial metal processing plant supporting the military aviation industry. Operations began in the early 1940s after the start of World War II and continued until 1992. At the start of operations the facility was part of a larger United States Defense Plant Corp facility that occupied over 300 acres. Site operations included the extruding and forging of aluminum and titanium, as well as other metal fabrication processes. The facilities were demolished in 1995 and site soils were remediated. In March 1997, LMC and Fremont and Associates, Inc. entered into a sales agreement. In September 1997, the rights to this sales agreement were then assigned to Sunshine Distributing, LLC, the current site owner. Shortly after the sale of the site, approximately 55 acres were developed into three warehouse/distribution buildings. In 2000-2001, the remaining 12 acres were developed with two additional buildings to complete the site's current, fully-developed configuration.

During site operations, hazardous materials and wastes were stored and/or treated at the facility. Hazardous materials included hydrocarbon fuels, chlorinated solvents, acids, caustics, and other hydrocarbon compounds. Waste streams included wastewater from metal plating, cleaning and other site operations. These former operations are believed to be the source of soil and groundwater contamination at the site, primarily from volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals.

A Closure Plan establishing eleven onsite (HWMUs) was submitted in 1983, and a permit for them was issued in 1984. Between 1997 and 2006, DTSC granted closure status for all except four of the HWMUs. For the purpose of the PCP two of the HWMUs are combined and are part of one regulated unit. Therefore, three regulated units are the focus of the PCP.

Since 1997 Sunshine Distributing, LLC has owned the real property and has leased it to a number of tenants that are not associated with the former hazardous waste facility permit regulated units.

Lockheed has retains liability due to operations by its predecessor companies. However, Lockheed has no connection or control over current site operations conducted by the current owner and the tenants.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lockheed Martin Corporation

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [State type and section number]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061 (b) (3)]

Exemption Title: Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061 (b) (3) With Certainty, No Possibility of Significant Effect on the Environment.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

DTSC has determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

- 1) No significant disturbance will occur since the groundwater monitoring wells are already in place.
- 2) Currently DTSC has undertaken clean-up of site for the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) at the Facility. As a result of remediation activities, DTSC believes that the cleanup is significantly reducing the threat to human health and environment. The PCP is limited to Corrective Action Monitoring Program. The PCP will require sampling and analysis of groundwater for wide variety of components in 9 wells annually.
- 3) The proposed groundwater monitoring will not affect the ongoing and future groundwater investigation/remediation and will assure that the on-going cleanup will not be impaired;
- 4) The site is well developed and there are no known historical features or cultural resources located at the Facility;

5) The monitoring well locations are not in an area of biological significance and do not contain critical habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species;

6) Although the site is on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, the corrective action for the Facility is being conducted by DTSC which includes measures to remediate the facility’s groundwater contamination.

The PCP application includes annual inspection of the monitoring wells and paved surfaces conditions. Soil excavation and removal will not be performed. The project would not result in “a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and object of historic or aesthetic significance.” Furthermore, the site is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The ILM Facility Post Closure Permit allows the facility to continue to monitor the groundwater during its 30-year RCRA post-closure period.

An analysis of project activities upon existing environmental conditions indicates that implementation of environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures are enforceable and made a condition of project approval and will ensure that GHG impact(s) to the environment will be less than significant. As a result, DTSC finds that the project is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.

Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

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