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[NAME OF CURRENT OWNER
AND ADDRESS]

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[NAME OF EO], Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

COVENANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTION ON PROPERTY

[NAME OF SITE]
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER (APN): [INSERT NUMBER]
[ADDRESS OF PROPERTY]
LARWQCB SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM NO. [INSERT NUMBER]

This Covenant and Environmental Restriction on Property ("Covenant") is made as of the _____ day of _____, 20____ by _____ [CURRENT OWNERS] _____ ("Covenantor") who is the Owner of record of that certain property identified as APN [INSERT NUMBER] and situated at _____ [ADDRESS] _____, in the City of _____, County of _____, State of California, which is more particularly described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (hereinafter referred to as the "Burdened Property"), for the benefit of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region ("Board"), with reference to the following facts:

A. Nature of Covenant. This Covenant is an environmental covenant provided for by Civil Code section 1471 and required by the Board pursuant to Water Code section [13304 FOR PARTIAL CLOSURE (E.G., SOILS ONLY) OR 13307.1 FOR FULL CLOSURE] because the Board has determined that the Burdened Property is not suitable for unrestricted use and that a land use restriction is necessary for the protection of present or future human health, safety, or the environment as result of the presence of hazardous materials, as defined in section 25260 of the Health and Safety Code, in the soil and/or groundwater at the Burdened Property.

B. Contamination of the Burdened Property. The soil [soil vapor, groundwater] at the Burdened Property [is, was, were] contaminated by [BRIEFLY DESCRIBE OPERATIONS THAT CAUSED CONTAMINATION] conducted by _____. The known contamination originally consisted of [INORGANIC AND/OR ORGANIC] chemicals including _____ which constitute hazardous materials. By means of [BRIEFLY DESCRIBE REMEDIATION AND CONTROLS IMPLEMENTED], the known contamination has been reduced to [BRIEFLY DESCRIBE CURRENT LEVEL].

C. Exposure Pathways. The contaminants addressed in this Covenant are present in the soil

[and groundwater] at the Burdened Property. Without the mitigation measures which have been performed on the Burdened Property, exposure to these contaminants could take place via [LIST AS APPROPRIATE: IN-PLACE CONTACT, SURFACE-WATER RUNOFF, AND WIND DISPERSAL, RESULTING IN DERMAL CONTACT, INHALATION, OR INGESTION BY HUMANS, ETC.]. The risk of public exposure to the contaminants has been substantially lessened by the remediation and controls described herein.

D. Land Uses and Population Potentially Affected. The Burdened Property is used for _____ and is adjacent to [LIST AS APPROPRIATE: INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL] land uses.

E. Disclosure and Sampling. Disclosure of the presence of hazardous materials on the Burdened Property has been made to the Board and extensive sampling of the Burdened Property has been conducted.

F. Use of Burdened Property. Covenantor desires and intends that in order to benefit the Board, and to protect present and future human health, safety, or the environment, the Burdened Property shall be used in a manner consistent with this Covenant as to avoid potential harm to persons or property that might result from any hazardous materials that might remain deposited on portions of the Burdened Property.

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Provisions to Run with the Land. This Covenant sets forth protective provisions, covenants, conditions and restrictions (collectively referred to as "Restrictions") upon and subject to which the Burdened Property and every portion thereof shall be improved, held, used, occupied, leased, sold, hypothecated, encumbered, and/or conveyed. These Restrictions are reasonably necessary to protect present and future human health or safety or the environment as a result of the presence of hazardous materials at the Burdened Property. Each and all of the Restrictions shall run with the land and pass with each and every portion of the Burdened Property, and shall apply to, inure to the benefit of, and bind the respective successors, assigns, and lessees thereof for the benefit of the Board and all Owners and Occupants. Each and all of the Restrictions: (a) are imposed upon the entire Burdened Property, unless expressly stated as applicable to a specific portion of the Burdened Property; (b) run with the land pursuant to Civil Code section 1471; and (c) are enforceable by the Board.

1.2 Concurrence of Owners and Lessees Presumed. After the date of recordation hereof, all purchasers, lessees, and possessors of all or any portion of the Burdened Property shall become Owners or Occupants as defined herein and shall be deemed by their purchase, leasing, or possession of the Burdened Property to be bound by the Restrictions and to agree for and among themselves, their heirs, successors, and assignees, and the agents, employees, and lessees of such owners, heirs, successors, and assignees, that the Restrictions herein established must be adhered to for the benefit of the Board and all Owners and Occupants, and that the interest of all Owners and Occupants of the Burdened Property shall be subject to the Restrictions.

1.3 Incorporation into Deeds and Leases. Covenantor desires and covenants that the Restrictions shall be incorporated in and attached to each and all deeds and leases of all or any portion of the Burdened Property. Recordation of this Covenant shall be deemed binding on all successors, assigns, and lessees, regardless of whether a copy of this Covenant has been attached to or incorporated into any given deed or lease.

1.4 Purpose. It is the purpose of this instrument to convey to the Board real property rights as specified in this Covenant, which will run with the land, to facilitate the remediation of past environmental contamination and to protect present and future human health, safety, or the environment by reducing the risk of exposure to residual hazardous materials.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

2.1 Board. "Board" shall mean the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region and shall include its successor agencies, if any.

2.2 Improvements. "Improvements" shall mean all buildings, structures, roads, driveways, gradings, re-gradings, and paved areas, constructed or placed upon any portion of the Burdened Property.

2.3 Occupant or Occupants. "Occupant" or "Occupants" shall mean Owners and those persons entitled by ownership, leasehold, or other legal relationship to the right to use and/or occupy all or any portion of the Burdened Property.

2.4 Owner or Owners. "Owner" or "Owners" shall mean the Covenantor and Covenantor's successors in interest who hold title to all or any portion of the Burdened Property.

ARTICLE III DEVELOPMENT, USE, AND CONVEYANCE OF THE BURDENED PROPERTY

3.1 Restrictions on Development and Use. Covenantor promises to restrict the use of the Burdened Property as follows:

[INCLUDE THOSE OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS a. through h. AS ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE SITE, AND INCLUDE i. through l. WITHOUT CHANGES; RE-LETTER THEM AS NECESSARY]:

- a. Development and use of the Burdened Property shall be restricted to industrial, commercial, and/or office space uses;
- b. No residence for human habitation shall be permitted on the Burdened Property;
- c. No hospitals shall be permitted on the Burdened Property;
- d. No public or private schools for persons under 21 years of age shall be permitted on the

Burdened Property;

e. No care or community centers for children or senior citizens, or other uses that would involve the regular congregation of children or senior citizens, shall be authorized on the Burdened Property;

f. No Owner or Occupant shall conduct or permit any excavation work on the Burdened Property, unless expressly permitted in writing by the Board. Any contaminated soils brought to the surface by grading, excavation, trenching, or backfilling shall be managed by the Owner, Owner's agent, Occupant, or Occupant's agent in accordance with all applicable provisions of local, state and federal law;

g. Any excavation conducted on the Burdened Property shall be performed pursuant to an appropriate and fully implemented Health and Safety Plan;

h. All uses and development of the Burdened Property shall be consistent with any applicable Board Order or Risk Management Plan, each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and including future amendments thereto. All uses and development shall preserve the integrity of any cap, any remedial measures taken or remedial equipment installed, and any groundwater monitoring system installed on the Burdened Property pursuant to the requirements of the Board, unless otherwise expressly permitted in writing by the Board;

i. No Owner or Occupant shall drill, bore, otherwise construct, or use a well for the purpose of extracting water for any use, including but not limited to, domestic, potable, or industrial uses, unless expressly permitted in writing by the Board; nor shall the Owner or Occupant permit or engage any third party to do such acts;

j. The Owner and/or Occupant shall notify the Board of each of the following: (1) the type, cause, location and date of any disturbance to any cap, any remedial measures taken or remedial equipment installed, and of the groundwater monitoring system installed on the Burdened Property pursuant to the requirements of the Board, which could affect the ability of such cap or remedial measures, remedial equipment, or monitoring system to perform their respective functions, and (2) the type and date of repair of such disturbance. Notifications to the Board shall be made by registered mail within ten (10) working days of both the date of discovery of such disturbance and the date of completion of repairs;

k. The Covenantor agrees that the Board, and any persons acting pursuant to Board orders, shall have reasonable access to the Burdened Property for the purposes of inspection, surveillance, maintenance, or monitoring as provided in Division 7 of the Water Code; and

l. No Owner or Occupant shall act in any manner that threatens or is likely to aggravate or contribute to the existing contaminated conditions of the Burdened Property. All use and development of the Burdened Property shall preserve the integrity of any capped areas.

3.2 Enforcement. Failure of an Owner or Occupant to comply with any of the Restrictions set forth in Paragraph 3.1 above shall be grounds for the Board, by the authority of this

Covenant, to require that the Owner or Occupant modify or remove, or cause to be modified or removed, any Improvements constructed in violation of that Paragraph. Violation of this Covenant shall also be grounds for the Board to file civil actions against the Owner or Occupant as provided by law. Nothing in this Covenant shall limit the Board's authority under Division 7 (commencing with section 13000) of the Water Code or other applicable laws.

3.3 Notice in Agreements. After the date of recordation hereof, all Owners and Occupants shall execute a written instrument which shall accompany all purchase agreements or leases relating to all or any portion of the Burdened Property. Any such instrument shall contain the following statement:

The land described herein contains hazardous materials in the soils and/or groundwater under the property, and is subject to a Covenant and Environmental Restriction on Property dated as of _____, 20____, and recorded on _____, 20____, in the Official Records of _____ County, California, as Document No. _____, which Covenant and Environmental Restriction on Property imposes certain covenants, conditions, and restrictions on usage of the property described herein. This statement is not a declaration that a hazard exists.

ARTICLE IV VARIANCE, TERMINATION, AND TERM

4.1 Variance. Any Owner or, with the Owner's written consent, any Occupant may apply to the Board for a written variance from the provisions of this Covenant.

4.2 Termination. Any Owner or, with the Owner's written consent, any Occupant may apply to the Board for a termination of the Restrictions as they apply to all or any portion of the Burdened Property.

4.3 Term. Unless terminated in accordance with Paragraph 4.2 above, by law or otherwise, this Covenant shall continue in effect in perpetuity.

ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 No Dedication Intended. Nothing set forth herein shall be construed to be a gift or dedication, or offer of a gift or dedication, of the Burdened Property or any portion thereof to the general public.

5.2 Notices. Whenever any person gives or serves any notice, demand, or other communication with respect to this Covenant, each such notice, demand, or other communication shall be in writing and shall be deemed effective (a) when delivered, if personally delivered to the person being served or an official of a government agency being served, or (b) three (3) business days after deposit in the mail if mailed by United States mail, postage paid certified, return receipt requested, and addressed:

If To: "Covenantor"
[OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS]

If To: "Board"
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
Attention: Executive Officer
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

5.3 Partial Invalidity. If any portion of the Restrictions or terms set forth herein is determined by a court having jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect as if such portion had not been included herein.

5.4 Recordation. This instrument shall be executed by the Covenantor and by the Executive Officer of the Board. This instrument shall be recorded by the Covenantor in the County of _____ within ten (10) days of the date of execution.

5.5 References. All references to Code sections include successor provisions.

5.6 Construction. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this instrument shall be liberally construed in favor of the Covenant to preserve and implement the purpose of this instrument and the policies and purposes of the Water Code. If any provision of this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the purpose of this instrument that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Covenant as of the date set forth above.

**[REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK;
SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]**

Covenantor: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Los Angeles

On _____ before me, _____
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared _____,
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____

(Seal)

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

Print Name:

Signature: _____

Title: Executive Officer

Date: _____

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Signature _____ (Seal)

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BURDENED PROPERTY

[INSERT LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BURDENED PROPERTY. THE OWNER WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THIS.]

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): [INSERT NUMBER(S)]

EXHIBIT B

MAP OF THE BURDENED PROPERTY

[INSERT MAP OF BURDENED PROPERTY. TYPICALLY, THIS IS THE COUNTY'S ASSESSOR MAP WITH A BORDER AND REFERENCE TO THE PROPERTY]