# VOLUNTARY CLEANUP CONTRACT 16-6377-NRP

# IN THE MATTER OF TRIMAC TRANSPORTATION SITE, SPARTANBURG COUNTY STALLINGS INVESTMENTS, LLC

This Contract is entered into by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Stallings Investments, LLC, with respect to the Property located at 150 Old Spartanburg Highway, Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Property includes approximately 3.54 acres identified by Tax Map Serial Numbers 5-21-00-005.02. In entering this Contract, the Department relies on the representations contained in the "Non Responsible Party Application for Voluntary Cleanup Contract" of December 8, 2015, and any amendments thereto, by Stallings Investments, LLC, which is incorporated into this Contract and attached as Appendix A.

# <u>AUTHORITY</u>

This Contract is entered into pursuant to the Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Program, S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-710 et seq. (as amended); the South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA), S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-10, et seq. (as amended), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, et seq., the S.C. State Underground Petroleum Environmental Response Bank Act, S. C. Code Ann. § 44-2-10, et seq. (as amended), and the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, § 48-1-10 et seq.

#### DEFINITIONS

1. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, terms used herein shall have the meaning assigned to them pursuant to the Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Program, S.C. Code Ann. §44-56-710 et seq. (as amended), and if not set forth

therein, shall have the meaning assigned to them pursuant to the South Carolina

Hazardous Waste Management Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-10, et seq. (as

amended), the S.C. Pollution Control Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 48-1-10, et seq. (as

amended), or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and

Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, et seq.

A. "Stallings" means Stallings Investments, LLC.

B. "Beneficiaries" means Stallings' Non-Responsible Party lenders, signatories,

parents, subsidiaries, and successors, including new purchasers, lessees, and

other parties acquiring an interest in any portion of the Property, but only to the

extent that such parties have never been a Responsible Party at the Site.

C. "Contamination" means the presence of a contaminant, pollutant, hazardous

substance, petroleum, or petroleum product.

D. "Contract" means this Voluntary Cleanup Contract.

E. "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Health and

Environmental Control, or a successor agency of the State of South Carolina that

has responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Contract.

F. "Existing Contamination" shall mean any Contamination present on, or under, the

Site as of the execution date of this Contract.

G. "Property" means the real property as described in the Non Responsible Party

Application for Voluntary Cleanup Contract attached as Appendix A, and that is

subject to the ownership, prospective ownership, or possessory or contractual

interest of Stallings or its Beneficiaries.

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H. "Segregated Sources" means drums, tanks, or similar discrete containers that

potentially hold substances that may cause Contamination upon release to the

environment.

I. "Site" means all areas where a contaminant, petroleum, or petroleum product

has been released, deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed or otherwise comes

to be located; "Site" does not include any consumer product in consumer use or

any vessel.

J. "Waste Materials" means any Contamination-causing solid, semi-solid, or liquid

material discarded, buried, or otherwise present on the Property, and may

include sludge, slag, or solid waste materials such as empty containers and

demolition debris or materials containing asbestos, lead-based paint, or

petroleum or other contaminants.

FINDINGS

2. Based on the information known by or provided to the Department, the following

findings are asserted for purposes of this Contract:

A. Owners and Operators: The owners and operators of the Property include the

following:

Carter Lumber Company of the South, Inc.

Unknown to 1988

DSI Transports, Inc.

1988 to Present

B. Property and Surrounding Areas: The Property is bounded generally by

commercial property to the north with US Highway 29 beyond, to the east by

commercial property and undeveloped woodlands, to the south by Old

Spartanburg Highway with commercial property beyond, and to the west by

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Spartanburg Road with undeveloped woodlands beyond.

The Property was first developed in 1988 with one structure occupying the Property. The western portion of the building was used as office and training space. Two interior wash bays occupied the eastern portion of the building. An additional wash bay is located on the eastern exterior of the building. Historically the Property has been used by a facility which cleans, collects, and containerizes unused residuals (Heel) from tanker truck trailers. The interior of tanker trailers were pressure washed and wash water was collected in floor drains throughout the main building. This wash water was conveyed to an underground sump preceding treatment in an on-site wasterwater treatment system. The wastewater treatment system was located in a concrete containment area to the east of the main building. Treated wash water was discharged to the sanitary sewer. Heel and other liquids not permitted for discharge were containerized and shipped off-site for recycling or disposal.

Limited vehicle maintenance, including minor automotive repairs, oil changes, and tire/brake maintenance, were also conducted on the Property. Support features for vehicle maintenance include a 500 gallon used oil containment structure and an air compressor on the northern side of the building, and a 10,000 gallon diesel AST and fueling area located adjacent and east of the wastewater containment area.

- C. Investigations / Reports: The Phase I Environmental Assessment report prepared in support of the Voluntary Cleanup Contract Application (Terracon, dated December 3, 2015) identifies the following recognized environmental conditions (RECs):
  - Past use of the Property: The subject property formerly used as a cleaning facility for tanker trailers.
  - 2). Wastewater treatment system and underground piping network: The floor drains, underground piping system, and wastewater collection and

treatment area, and underground sump, have been used to convey wash

water from tanker trailers that carried hazardous liquids. The wastewater

treatment system has since been removed from the Property with the

concrete containment area and sump remaining.

3). 10,000 gallon diesel AST and fueling area: Vehicles were fueled, in the

area east of the wastewater treatment system, before departure of the

Property. The AST has since been removed from the Property as well as the

above ground fueling equipment.

4). 500 gallon waste oil structure: A 500 gallon concrete containment

structure, located on the northern side of the building, was utilized to store

used oil from vehicle maintenance. A drain valve is located at the bottom of

the structure.

On December 11, 2008, Trimac Transportation South entered into a consent

agreement for violations under the South Carolina Hazardous Waste

Management Regulations. Violations included general housekeeping and

storage of Heel, labeling of hazardous substances, and general paperwork

violations.

D. Applicant Identification: Stallings is a South Carolina limited liability company

with its principal place of business located at 600 East Killian Road, Columbia,

South Carolina. Stallings affirms that it has the financial resources to conduct the

response action pursuant to this Contract.

E. <u>Proposed Redevelopment</u>: Stallings will acquire the Property and intends to

operate a mobile storage unit facility.

BONA FIDE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER STATUS

3. Stallings certifies that it and its members are not a current owner of the Property, or

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parent, successor or subsidiary of a current or past owner of the Property; are not a Responsible Party for the site, or a parent, successor or subsidiary of a Responsible Party for the site; and have not had any involvement with the Property in the past other than activities performed in anticipation of participation in the Voluntary Cleanup Program. Stallings also certifies that it and its members are eligible to be a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser for the Property.

# **RESPONSE ACTION**

4. Stallings agrees to conduct the response actions specified in the sub-paragraphs below. An initial Work Plan shall be submitted by Stallings, or its designee, within thirty (30) days after the date of execution of this Contract by the Department, or such earlier or later date if approved by the Department's project manager. A Report of the assessment results shall be submitted by Stallings, or its designee in accordance with the schedule provided in the initial Work Plan. Stallings acknowledges that the assessment may find distributions of Existing Contamination requiring additional assessment and/or corrective action on the Property that cannot be anticipated with this Contract. Stallings agrees to perform the additional assessment and/or corrective action consistent with the intended uses of the Property under the purview of this Contract; however, Stallings may seek an amendment of this Contract to clarify its further responsibilities. Stallings shall perform all actions required by this Contract, and any related actions of Stallings' choosing not expressly required by this Contract, pursuant to Work Plans and/or Addenda approved by the Department.

# A. Work Plan Logistics:

- 1). The Work Plan(s) shall set forth a schedule and methods for assessment and corrective action activities detailed herein.
- 2). The Work Plan(s) shall be submitted to the Department in the form of one hard copy and one electronic copy of the entire Work Plan on a compact disk

- (in .pdf format).
- 3). All activities undertaken pursuant to this Contract shall be consistent with S.C. statutes, regulations, and permitting requirements (e.g., stormwater management and waste disposal regulations). Stallings shall identify and obtain the applicable permits before beginning any action.
- 4). The Work Plan(s) shall be in accordance with accepted industry standards and shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer or Professional Geologist duly-licensed in South Carolina.
- 5). The Work Plan(s) shall provide detailed information about the proposed sampling points, collection methods, analytical methods, quality assurance procedures, and other pertinent details of the assessment and/or corrective measures activities consistent with the following:
  - a). Sample collection methodologies shall be consistent with the US EPA Region IV Field Branches Quality System and Technical Procedures.
  - b). All monitoring wells and groundwater sampling points shall be constructed in accordance with 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-71, the South Carolina Well Standards. The Work Plan shall provide sufficient detail to support issuance of the well approvals by the Department.
  - c). The laboratory analyses for samples taken pursuant to the Work Plan are specified in the media-specific sub-paragraphs below, but may include any of the following:
    - i. the full EPA Target Analyte List (TAL);
      - i). EPA Target Analyte List excluding cyanide (TAL-Metals);
    - ii. the full EPA Target Compound List (TCL);
      - i). EPA Target Compound List Volatile Organic Compounds (TCL-VOCs);
      - ii). EPA Target Compound List Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (TCL-SVOCs);
      - iii). EPA Target Compound List Pesticides (TCL-Pesticides);

- iv). EPA Target Compound List Polychlorinated Biphenyls (TCL-PCBs).
- d). All analytical methods shall use appropriate detection levels to allow comparison to the media-specific screening criteria listed in the "EPA Regional Screening Levels for Chemical Contaminants at Superfund Sites" in effect at the time of sampling. The applicable Protection of Groundwater SSL for soil samples shall be the "MCL-Based SSL", if listed. If the applicable screening criteria are lower than achievable detection levels, the analytical method shall use the lowest achievable detection levels.
- 6). The Work Plan shall include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Stallings' consulting firm(s), analytical laboratories, and Stallings' contact person for matters relating to this Contract and the Work Plan.
  - a). The analytical laboratory shall possess applicable Certification defined in 25A S.C. Code Regs. R.61-81, for the test methods specified in the Work Plan.
  - b). Stallings shall notify the Department in writing of any changes concerning the consulting firm(s), contact person(s), or laboratory identified in the Work Plan.
- 7). The Department will notify Stallings in writing of approvals or deficiencies in the Work Plan.
- 8). Stallings, or its designee, shall respond in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of any comments on the Work Plan by the Department.
- 9). Stallings shall begin implementation of the Work Plan as soon as reasonably possible after receipt of written approval of the Work Plan by the Department.
- 10). Stallings shall inform the Department at least five (5) working days in advance of all field activities conducted pursuant to the Work Plan, and shall allow the Department, or its authorized representatives, to take duplicates of

any samples if desired.

11). Stallings shall preserve items on the Property that may: 1) provide evidence of a Potentially Responsible Party's involvement at the Site; 2) lead to the discovery of other areas of Contamination at the Site; or 3) contain environmental information related to the Site. Such items may include drums, bottles, labels, business and operating records, contracts, Site studies, investigations, and other physical or written materials relating to the Site. Stallings shall notify the Department of the location of any such items, and provide the Department with an opportunity to inspect any materials or copy any documents at the Department's expense prior to destruction of said items.

# B. Report Logistics

- Report(s) shall be prepared in accordance with accepted industry standards and shall be certified by signature and seal of a Professional Engineer or Professional Geologist duly licensed in South Carolina.
- 2). The Report(s) of assessment and/or corrective measures activities shall include a discussion of investigation methods and any deviations from the Department approved Work Plan. The Report shall also include tables and figures to summarize all data, a surveyed map documenting sampling locations, documentation of field observations including well core logs, sample descriptions, field screening results, and all laboratory analytical data.
- All Report(s) shall be submitted to the Department in the form of one hardcopy and one electronic copy of the entire Report on a compact disk (in .pdf format).

# C. <u>Assess Waste Materials and Segregated Sources:</u>

1). Stallings shall characterize for disposal any Waste Material and Segregated

Sources that may be discovered on the Property at any time during assessment, corrective action, or development activities in accordance with applicable regulations.

- Upon discovery of any Segregated Source that has not yet released all contents to the environment, Stallings shall expeditiously stabilize or remove the Segregated Source from the Property.
- 3). Stallings shall immediately notify the Department if a release of Contamination occurs as a result of its assessment, stabilization or removal actions. Stallings shall assess the impact of the release and take necessary action in accordance with a Department approved plan.

#### D. Conduct a well survey:

- 1). Stallings shall map all public and private wells used for drinking water supply within a one-half mile radius of the Property, and wells used for irrigation or other non-drinking water use within a one-quarter mile radius.
- 2). Stallings shall report sufficient information to the Department to allow the Department to secure permission to sample the wells. At a minimum, this information shall include the: 1) Location of the well; 2) Identity and mailing address of the well owner; and, 3) Telephone number, if publicly available or otherwise known to Stallings, of the well owner or occupant of the residence served by the well.

#### E. Assess soil quality across the Property:

- Stallings shall collect and analyze a minimum of 16 soil samples from 8 locations on the Property. Stallings shall collect one surface soil sample (0-1 foot below ground surface) and one subsurface soil sample (2 foot minimum depth) from each of the following locations:
  - a). Two locations in proximity to the exterior wash bay.
  - b). Two locations in proximity to the containment area of the former

wastewater treatment system.

- c). A location in proximity to the northeastern corner of the building.
- d). A location in proximity to the used oil containment structure.
- e). A location along the western portion of the Property where trailers were parked for storage.
- f). The southwestern corner of the Property.
- 2). Unless otherwise specified above, each surface soil sample shall be analyzed for TAL-Metals and SVOCs. Each subsurface sample shall be analyzed for TAL-Metals, VOCs and SVOCs. A minimum of one surface and one subsurface sample from the following locations:
  - a). A location in proximity to the exterior wash bay.
  - b). A location in proximity to the containment area of the former wastewater treatment system.
- 3). Soil quality results shall be compared to the Residential and Industrial Screening Levels and to the applicable Protection of Groundwater SSL.

#### F. Assess groundwater quality:

- Stallings shall assess groundwater quality and flow direction across the Property. Assessment shall include samples from a minimum of 4 monitoring wells. Specific locations shall be as follows:
  - a). A location in proximity to the southeastern corner of the wastewater treatment system containment area.
  - b). A location in proximity to the northeastern corner of the wastewater treatment system containment area.
- Samples from all groundwater monitoring wells shall be analyzed for TAL-Metals, VOCs and SVOCs. In addition, one groundwater sample shall be analyzed for the full TAL/TCL parameters.
- 3). Groundwater quality results shall be compared to the primary maximum contaminant level (MCL) standards in the South Carolina State Primary

Drinking Water Regulations, R.61-58, or, if not specified in R.61-58, to the Regional Screening Tables values for "Tapwater."

#### G. Evaluate and control potential impacts to indoor air:

- 1). Stallings shall evaluate potential impacts to indoor air if the Department determines significant concentrations of volatile organic compounds are present in the subsurface based on EPA OSWER "Technical Guide for Assessing and Mitigating the Vapor Intrusion Pathway from Subsurface Vapor Sources to Indoor Air" dated June 2015 and supplemental EPA guidance. The Department's evaluation will be constrained towards predicting commercial exposures consistent with the building construction on the Property.
- 2). This evaluation shall, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department, consist of collection and analysis of indoor air samples from within the building during two separate sampling events approximately six months apart. One sample shall be collected per every 1000 square feet of building footprint potentially subject to Vapor Intrusion. One sampling event shall be in the winter. Each sampling event shall include collection of a representative number of indoor air samples for laboratory analysis of all site-related volatile organic constituents. The samples collected for laboratory analysis may use either active or passive collection methods provided the same protocol is used for both sampling events. The method shall be capable of detecting gas concentrations at screening levels indicative of a 10<sup>-6</sup> risk. The applicable screening concentrations shall be based upon the EPA OSWER "Technical Guide for Assessing and Mitigating the Vapor Intrusion Pathway from Subsurface Vapor Sources to Indoor Air" dated June 2015 and supplemental EPA guidance.
- 3). The Department may allow Stallings to implement vapor intrusion control measures in lieu of the above evaluation, or use alternative evaluation

- methods that, in the Department's sole discretion, offer a similar degree of data usability.
- 4). Stallings shall submit an addendum to the Work Plan detailing the steps for further study and/or remedial or other control management measures to be implemented if the measured indoor air concentration exceeds a 10<sup>-6</sup> risk calculated for occupational exposure (40 hrs/wk, 50 wk/yr, 25 yrs). The Department shall give reasonable consideration of data or other demonstration that shows unacceptable exposures inside the building do not result from the subsurface conditions.

#### H. <u>Institute reasonable Contamination control measures</u>:

- 1). Stallings shall stabilize or remove from the Property any Segregated Sources of Contamination that have not yet released all contents to the environment.
  - a). The contents of the Segregated Sources shall be properly reused or disposed of in accordance with regulations.
  - b). Stallings shall document the characterization results and ultimate disposition of the materials to the Department within sixty (60) days of removal of any material from the Property.
- 2). Stallings shall take reasonable measures to limit or prevent human exposure to Existing Contamination on the Property.
  - a). Corrective measures shall be required for Waste Materials and Contamination present in any media on the Property with concentrations in excess of appropriate human-health risk-based exposure standards with plausibly complete routes of exposure.
  - b). The corrective measures shall be proposed in a Corrective Measures Plan to be approved by the Department prior to implementation, and shall be consistent with the intended future use of the Property. Corrective measures may include removal, encapsulation, barriers, or other methods

- reasonably expected to limit human exposures to the Contamination.
- c). Stallings may request Department approval to conduct a site-specific risk assessment to determine levels of Contamination that are acceptable for the intended use of the Property. The risk assessment shall be conducted in accordance with EPA Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund. Prior to conducting the risk assessment, Stallings shall submit for Department approval, an overview of risk assessment assumptions including identification of contaminant exposure routes, the type and duration of possible exposures, the magnitude of exposure, and any data gaps that need to be addressed to complete the risk assessment.
- d). Upon completion of any corrective measures, Stallings shall provide a Corrective Measures Report to document satisfactory completion of the corrective measures for Department review and approval prior to obtaining a Certificate of Completion.

# I. Monitor and/or abandon the monitoring wells:

- Stallings shall implement a groundwater-monitoring program if required by the Department. Continued monitoring requirements will be based on the Department's determination of potential adverse effects on nearby receptors, i.e., individuals that are presently or potentially exposed to Contamination.
- The Department will determine the frequency and duration of the monitoring program on a case-specific basis.
- Stallings shall abandon the monitoring well(s) when the Department determines there are no further needs for wells. The wells shall be abandoned in accordance with R.61-71 of the South Carolina Well Standards.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

5. Stallings shall prepare and submit under separate cover from the Work Plan, a Health and Safety Plan consistent with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. The Health and Safety Plan shall be submitted to the Department in the form of one electronic copy on compact disk (in .pdf format). Stallings agrees that the Health and Safety Plan is submitted to the Department only for informational purposes. The Department expressly disclaims any liability that may result from implementation of the Health and Safety Plan by Stallings.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6. Stallings and the Department will encourage public participation to implement this Contract as follows:
  - A. The Department will provide notice, seek public comment, and initiate a thirty-day claim contribution notification period in accordance with established procedures consistent with S.C. Code Ann. §44-56-750 upon signature of this Contract by Stallings.
  - B. Stallings shall erect a sign at major entrances onto the Property or other locations routinely accessible by the public. The sign(s) shall be erected no later than one day after the Department's public announcement about the Contract in a newspaper of general circulation in the community.
    - 1). The sign(s) will state "Voluntary Cleanup Project by Stallings Investments, LLC under Voluntary Cleanup Contract 16-6377-NRP with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control." The sign(s) shall provide a brief description of the scope of activities under the Contract, and contact information, including telephone number and address, for a representative of Stallings. Contact information for the Department shall state "TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE: 1-866-576-3432".

- 2). All sign lettering must be of sufficient size to be legible with un-aided normal eyesight from the point where the public will normally pass by the Property without intruding onto the Property.
- 3). Stallings shall submit photographs of the sign(s) and a Property drawing showing the location(s) of the sign(s). The photographs shall be submitted to the Department within 10 days of erecting the sign(s).
- 4). Stallings agrees to revise the sign if the Department determines the sign is inaccurate, not legible, or otherwise ineffectively placed.
- 5). Stallings shall maintain the sign(s) in legible condition and at visible locations throughout the duration of the Contract period until a Certificate of Completion is issued on the Property.
- 6). The sign(s) may be removed to accommodate building or grading activities; however, Stallings shall restore the sign(s) within two (2) days to its original location, or other publicly accessible location upon notice to the Department.

#### PROGRESS UPDATES

- 7. Stallings shall submit periodic written updates to the Department's project manager until such time as all activities related to the Property are complete pursuant to this Contract. The first update shall be due within 90 days of the execution date of this Contract and semi-annually thereafter.
  - A. The updates may be in summary letter format, but should include information about:
    - 1). The actions taken under this Contract during the previous reporting period;
    - 2). Actions scheduled to be taken in the next reporting period;
    - 3). Sampling, test results, and any other data in summary form, generated during the previous reporting period regardless of whether the data was collected pursuant to this Contract; and,
    - 4). A description of any environmental problems experienced during the previous

reporting period and the actions taken to resolve them.

B. The Department's project manager may allow an extended schedule between

updates based on case specific conditions.

<u>SCHEDULE</u>

8. Stallings shall perform all activities and response actions pursuant to this Contract

in an expeditious manner. In the event that circumstances cause a delay in

implementation of the response actions, the Department may require

implementation of interim measures to stabilize Contamination or prevent

unacceptable exposures. Stallings shall implement the interim measures in

accordance with a Department-approved plan.

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

9. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall enter, and record, a Declaration of Covenants and

Restrictions (Declaration) for the Property to restrict the use of the Property from

residential, recreational, agricultural, child day care, and adult day care use.

Additional restrictions may be required based on the response actions completed

under this Contract. The recorded Declaration shall be incorporated into this

Contract as an Appendix and shall be implemented as follows:

A. The Department shall prepare and sign the Declaration prior to providing it to

Stallings. An authorized representative of Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall sign

the Declaration within ten (10) days of receipt. All signatures shall be witnessed,

and signed and sealed by a notary public.

B. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall record the executed Declaration with the

Registrar of Deeds or Mesne Conveyance for the county where the Property is

located.

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C. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall provide a copy of the recorded Declaration to

the Department within sixty (60) days of the Department's execution. The copy

shall show the date and Book and Page number where the Declaration has been

recorded.

D. The Declaration shall be noted on the master deed of any planned development

for the Property and noted, or referenced thereafter, on each individual deed of

property subdivided from the Property and subject to the Declaration.

E. The Declaration shall reserve a right of entry and inspection for Stallings or its

Beneficiaries that may be transferred to another single individual or entity for

purposes of compliance monitoring.

1). Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall ensure that the restrictions established by

the Declaration remain on any subdivided property.

2). Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall create a procedure to provide a single point

of contact responsible for documenting current land use and compliance with

the Declaration regardless of the Property's ownership status. The

procedure shall be reviewed and approved by the Department before it is

implemented.

F. The Declaration shall provide that the Department has an irrevocable right of

access to the Property after Stallings acquires the Property, and such right of

access shall remain until remediation is accomplished for unrestricted use and

monitoring is no longer required. Such access shall extend to the Department's

authorized representatives and all persons performing response actions on the

Property under the Department's oversight.

G. Stallings or its Beneficiaries, or the individual or entity responsible for compliance

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monitoring, shall annually document the Property's land use and compliance with the Declaration to the Department. The report shall be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup> in a manner and form prescribed by the Department.

H. The Department may amend the Declaration in response to changes in law, completion of remedial actions meeting the applicable standards in effect at the time, or if other circumstances of the Property change; however, said amendment shall not be applied retroactively unless expressly provided for in the legislation. An amendment may strengthen, relax, or remove restrictions based on the Regional Screening Tables in effect at that time; however, the Department shall not impose a more restrictive condition based solely on changes in the Regional Screening Tables. An amendment to the Declaration shall be duly executed and recorded using procedures similar to those detailed above.

#### NOTIFICATION

10. All notices required to be given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Each party shall have a continuing obligation to identify a contact person, whose name, address, and telephone number must be updated to the other party, throughout the term of the Contract. Notices by electronic mail or facsimile shall be acceptable if acknowledged in writing by the recipient; with the delivery date being the date of acknowledgment or earlier date if stated in the acknowledgment. All other forms of notice shall be deemed sufficiently given if delivered at the address shown below, or at such place or to such agent as the parties may from time to time designate in writing, by: 1) regular U.S. Mail by which notice shall be deemed to occur seven (7) days after the postmark date; 2) Certified or Registered Mail by which notice shall be deemed to occur on the date received as shown on the receipt; 3) Commercial delivery service company by which notice shall be deemed to occur on the date received as shown on the receipt; or, 4) hand delivery to the other party.

A. All correspondence, notices, work plans, and reports shall be submitted to:

Alex Fulmer, P.E.
Bureau of Land and Waste Management
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

B. All correspondence and notices to Stallings shall be submitted to Stallings' designated contact person who as of the effective date of this Contract shall be:

Jeff Stallings, Owner
Stallings Investments, LLC
212 Wrenfield Lane
Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

# FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT

11. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall reimburse the Department for its public participation costs and for oversight costs of activities specific to this Contract as provided by S.C. Code Ann. §44-56-750 (D). The oversight costs shall include the direct and indirect costs incurred by the Department in implementing the Voluntary Cleanup Program as related to this Contract, and any future amendments thereto, and may include costs related to this Contract and incurred by the Department prior to execution of this Contract. Invoices for oversight costs will be sent to Stallings on a quarterly basis. All costs are payable within thirty (30) days of the Department's invoice submitted to:

Jeff Stallings, Owner
Stallings Investments, LLC

212 Wrenfield Lane

Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

A. Failure to submit timely payment for costs upon receipt of the Department's

invoice is grounds for termination of the Contract pursuant to paragraph 16

herein.

B. Payment for costs incurred by the Department pursuant to this Contract shall

become immediately due upon termination of the Contract by any party pursuant

to paragraph 16 herein.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY

12. Stallings agrees the Department has an irrevocable right of access to the Property

for environmental response matters after Stallings acquires the Property. This right

of access remains until such time as remediation is accomplished for unrestricted

use and monitoring is no longer required, and shall extend to the Department's

authorized representatives and all other persons performing response actions on

the Property under the Department's oversight.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

13. A Certificate of Completion shall be issued to Stallings or its Beneficiaries for the

Property under this Contract as follows:

A. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall request a Certificate of Completion pursuant to

S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-750(C)(1) after the response actions are completed and

any required Declarations are recorded pursuant to this Contract. The request

shall be in writing and shall report 1) the amount of soil that was removed or

remediated on the Property; and 2) the cost of all environmental work conducted

pursuant to this Contract.

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- B. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-750(C)(1) the Department shall issue the Certificate of Completion with its covenant not to sue upon determining that Stallings or its Beneficiaries has successfully and completely complied with the Contract and the voluntary cleanup approved under S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-710 through 760 (as amended).
- C. The Department may issue a Provisional Certificate of Completion if the substantive response actions required under this Contract are complete and a required Declaration has been recorded but all actions under this Contract have not been completed due to Property-specific circumstances.
  - 1). A Provisional Certificate of Completion will include specific performance standards that Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall continue to meet.
  - 2). The Provisional Certificate of Completion may include the Department's covenant not to sue for Existing Contamination; however, said covenant shall be automatically revoked if Stallings or its Beneficiaries do not satisfactorily complete the requirements of the Contract as stipulated in the Provisional Certificate of Completion.

#### **ECONOMIC BENEFITS REPORTING**

14. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall report information to the Department that demonstrates that the activities pursuant to this Contract have been beneficial to the State and community. The report shall be submitted within two (2) years after the execution date of this Contract, and annually thereafter until two (2) years after redevelopment of the Property is complete. Stallings shall summarize the new operations at the Property, the number of jobs created, the amount of property taxes paid, and the total amount invested in the Property for property acquisition and capital improvements.

#### CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS AND PROTECTIONS INURE

- 15. The terms, conditions, obligations and protections of this Contract apply to and inure to the benefit of the Department, Stallings, and its Beneficiaries as set forth below. The following stipulations apply to ensure the transition of all obligations and protections to successive Beneficiaries for any portion of the Property:
  - A. Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall provide a copy of this Contract and applicable Appendices to any subsequent Beneficiary. Transmittal of the Contract copy may be via any commonly accepted mechanism.
  - B. If the Certificate of Completion has not been issued, Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall request approval from the Department prior to transferring the obligations and protections of this Contract to a new person or entity. The Department shall not unreasonably withhold its approval upon receipt of a Non-Responsible Party Application for Voluntary Cleanup Contract documenting that the new person or entity:
    - 1). Is not a Responsible Party for the Site;
    - 2). Has sufficient resources to complete the activities of this Contract;
    - 3). Will not use the Property for activities that are inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Contract;
    - 4). Will assume the protections and all obligations of this Contract; and,
    - 5). Will, in the Department's sole discretion, provide a measurable benefit to the State and the community as a result of this transfer.
  - C. If the Certificate of Completion has been issued and the portion of the Property is subject to a Declaration or other ongoing obligation pursuant to this Contract, Stallings or its Beneficiaries shall provide written notification to the Department identifying the new individual or entity within thirty days after the effective date of the ownership change or other possessory transfer of the Property.

- The notification shall include a signed statement from the new individual or entity that its use of the Property will remain consistent with the terms of the Contract and the Declaration, and that it will assume the ongoing obligations and protections of this Contract.
- 2). This requirement is waived for an individual or entity acquiring a portion of the Property for individual residential or commercial use provided the Declaration is noted on the master deed for the planned development, and the Department has approved the procedure for a single point of contact responsible for documenting current land use and compliance with the Covenant.

#### **CONTRACT TERMINATION**

- 16. Stallings, its Beneficiaries, and the Department each reserve the right to unilaterally terminate this Contract by giving thirty days advance written notice to the other party. Termination shall be subject to the following:
  - A. The Department may not terminate this Contract without cause and before termination, shall provide Stallings or its Beneficiaries an opportunity to correct the cause(s) for termination, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:
    - 1). Failure to complete the terms and conditions of this Contract;
    - 2). Change in Stallings' or its Beneficiaries' business activities on the Property or use of the Property that are inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Contract:
    - Failure to submit timely payment for costs upon receipt of the Department's invoice;
    - 4). Failure of Stallings or its Beneficiaries to implement appropriate response actions for additional Contamination or releases caused by Stallings or its Beneficiaries:

5). Knowingly providing the Department with false or incomplete information or knowing failure to disclose material information;

6). Failure by Stallings or its Beneficiaries to obtain the applicable permits from

the Department for the response actions or other activities undertaken at the

Property pursuant to this Contract; or,

7). Failure by Stallings or its Beneficiaries to make material progress toward the

expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of the property as determined by the

Department upon consideration of Stallings' or its Beneficiaries' marketing

efforts, regional economic conditions, and other pertinent information on the

Property.

B. Should Stallings or its Beneficiaries elect to terminate, that party shall certify to

the Department's satisfaction that any environmental or physical hazards caused

or contributed by Stallings or its Beneficiaries have been stabilized or mitigated

such that the Property does not pose hazards to human health or the

environment.

C. Termination of this Contract by any party does not waive the Department's

authority to require response action under any applicable state or federal law.

D. Termination of this Contract by any party does not end the obligations of Stallings

or its Beneficiaries to pay costs incurred by the Department pursuant to this

Contract. Payment for such costs shall become immediately due.

E. Upon termination, the protections provided under this Contract shall be null and

void as to any party who participated in actions giving rise to termination of the

Contract. Revocation of protections shall also apply to that party's lenders,

parents, subsidiaries, and successors, including lessees, heirs, devisees, and

other parties taking an interest in the Property through that party who participated

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in actions giving rise to termination of the contract. The protections will continue for any party who has received protections through a Certificate of Completion for this Contract, and who did not participate in the actions giving rise to the termination.

# **ENTITLEMENT OF PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS**

- 17. Stallings and its Beneficiaries are entitled to the protections and benefits in regard to Existing Contamination provided by South Carolina statutes as follows:
  - A. Effective on the date this Contract is first executed by the Department:
    - 1). Protection from contribution claims under CERCLA Section 113.42 U.S.C. § 9613 and § 44-56-200, et seq.
    - 2). Protection from third-party claims as provided by S.C. Code Ann. § 44-56-750(H).
    - 3). Eligibility to file annual application for Voluntary Cleanup Activity Tax Credits pursuant to S.C Code § 12-6-3550.
  - B. Effective on the date the Certificate of Completion is issued by the Department.
    - The Department's covenant not to sue Stallings and its Beneficiaries for Existing Contamination but not for any Contamination, releases and consequences caused or contributed by Stallings or its Beneficiaries.
    - 2). Specific tax credits or additional benefits expressly contingent in South Carolina statutes on issuance of the Certificate of Completion.
  - C. These Protections and Benefits do not apply to any Contamination, releases, and consequences caused or contributed by Stallings or its Beneficiaries. The Department retains all rights under State and Federal laws to compel Stallings and its Beneficiaries to perform or pay for response activity for any Contamination, releases and consequences caused or contributed by Stallings or

its Beneficiaries.

# RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY THE DEPARTMENT

18. Nothing in this Contract is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a release or covenant not to sue for any claim or cause of action, past or future, that the Department may have against any person, firm, or corporation other than Stallings and its Beneficiaries. The Department reserves the right to undertake future response actions at the Site and to seek to compel parties, other than Stallings and its Beneficiaries, to perform or pay for response actions at the Site. Nothing in this Contract shall in any way restrict or limit the nature or scope of response actions that may be taken or be required by the Department in exercising its authority under State and Federal law.

#### RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY STALLINGS

19. Stallings retains all rights to assert claims in law or equity against any person, company, or entity with respect to the Property, except as limited elsewhere by this Contract. Stallings and its Beneficiaries specifically deny responsibility for response costs or damages resulting from Existing Contamination except for Contamination, releases, and consequences they cause or contribute. However, Stallings and its Beneficiaries agree to undertake the requirements of this Contract.

#### BURDEN OF PROOF

20. Stallings and its Beneficiaries shall have the continuing obligation to demonstrate that any newly discovered Contamination is not caused or contributed by Stallings or its Beneficiaries. Stallings and its Beneficiaries shall make this demonstration to the Department's satisfaction in accordance with State or Federal Law applicable to such newly discovered Contamination. For purposes of this clause, newly discovered Contamination means finding types of Contamination not previously identified at the Property or substantially higher concentrations of Existing

Contamination.

LIMITATION OF CLAIMS BY STALLINGS AND ITS BENEFICIARIES

21. In consideration of the protections from the Department under this Contract,

Stallings and its Beneficiaries agree not to assert any claims or causes of action

against the Department or to seek other costs, damages, or attorney's fees from the

Department arising out of activities undertaken at the Property pursuant to this

Contract. This limitation shall not extend to any claims or causes of action resulting

from the Department's intentional or negligent acts or omissions, or the

Department's willful breach of this Contract.

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# **SIGNATORS**

22. The signatories below hereby represent that they are authorized to and do enter into this Contract on behalf of their respective parties.

# THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

BY:		DATE:
	Daphne G. Neel, Chief	
	Bureau of Land and Waste Management	
		DATE:
	Reviewed by Office of General Counsel	
	STALLINGS INVESTI	MENTS, LLC
BY:		DATE:
	Printed Name and Title	

# **APPENDIX A**

Stallings Investments, LLC
Application for Non-Responsible Party Voluntary Cleanup Contract
December 8, 2015