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Dear Resident,

## RE: Groundwater Bore Use and Ongoing Investigations, Keswick, South Australia

In December 2013 certain chemicals, including trichloroethylene (TCE), were identified in groundwater at a commercial property on Everard Avenue, Keswick, South Australia. This site was occupied by Kelvinator Australia Pty Ltd (Kelvinator) from the 1940's to about 1985 and was part of Kelvinator's refrigerator manufacturing operations. It is possible that Kelvinator historically used TCE on the site, but given the amount of time that has passed this is not presently certain.

In December 2013, the South Australian Environment Protection Authority (SA EPA) contacted registered bore owners in the Keswick notification area advising not to use groundwater. The SA EPA sent further correspondence to residents and land owners in March 2014.

Kelvinator was first advised by the SA EPA of this issue in February 2014 and since then has been working with the SA EPA to understand the issue better. This included site investigations in March 2014.

Those investigations focused on the area close to the Everard Avenue site and the results showed that the chemicals in soil vapour are localised around commercial properties in the immediate vicinity of the former Kelvinator manufacturing site. Further environmental investigations by Kelvinator are now planned to commence in late November/December 2014 to better understand the nature and extent of the chemical substances that have been detected. Kelvinator will continue to provide updates regarding investigations to residents and registered bore owners in the vicinity of the former Kelvinator manufacturing site at Keswick.

The works are being undertaken in consultation with the SA EPA, and the SA EPA will be kept informed of the testing program and the results. Further information will continue to be available on the SA EPA website at: <a href="http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\_info/site\_contamination/areas\_under\_assessment/keswick">http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\_info/site\_contamination/areas\_under\_assessment/keswick</a>

The SA EPA and SA Health advise that groundwater (bore water) should not be extracted for any use. Mains water provided by SA Water is unaffected and safe.

If you would like to discuss this matter further my contact details are provided below:

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You may also contact the EPA on 1800 729 175 or by email epasitecontam@epa.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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