



EPA Ref: 60485; 05/18939

TO THE RESIDENT

Dear resident

Re: Former Hills Industries site, 944-956 South Road Edwardstown

Further to previous correspondence from URS (environmental consultants) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in July last year, I am writing to advise you that the EPA has now received the site contamination audit report for the northern part of the former Hills Industries site. The report relates to the site bounded by South Road, Ackland Street and the railway line in Edwardstown-South Plympton, as well as adjacent properties.

Site contamination has been identified and attributed to historical industrial use and the inadequate storage of chlorinated hydrocarbons - primarily perchloroethene (PCE) and some trichloroethene (TCE) solvents that were used widespread for metal cleaning. Previous practices for the handling, use and disposal of solvents that were acceptable at that time, are unacceptable today.

The EPA defined an assessment area for adjacent properties in early 2011 which is bordered by Melville Street and Maxwell Avenue in the north, the Railway line in the east, Nelson Street and Oval Avenue in the south and Marion Road in the west.

Hills Industries agreed to commission the offsite assessment work and engaged an environmental consultant to undertake a comprehensive program of assessment and remediation. The site's new owners Perpetual Nominees Ltd, continued the environmental assessment work at the former Hills Industries site. An independent site contamination auditor, was then engaged to oversee the work.

In his report, the auditor indicated that he was satisfied with the extent of assessment and remediation that had been completed for mixed uses at this site, subject to various conditions. On adjacent properties, the auditor recommended further controls to ensure the risk of exposure from residual contamination is minimised. This included not using groundwater.

In our previous correspondence dated 15 July 2015, we advised that the audit report was likely to be the first step in establishing a Groundwater Prohibition Area (GPA). I can confirm that the EPA is now defining a boundary and that we would like to hear from you in regards

to any concerns or questions you might have in this regard. We will keep you informed as this progresses.

The auditor has also recommended some engineering controls be installed on basements in particular circumstances. URS (now AECOM), the environmental consultants engaged by Hills, wrote to residents in the affected area in July last year – please contact the EPA if you would like to receive further information.

I would like to invite you to our upcoming community information sessions to meet with staff (invitation attached), who look forward to providing further information and answering any questions that you might have.

Residents in the affected areas of Edwardstown and South Plympton have previously been advised not to use bore water until further notice, and this advice is still current.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Pruszinski

MANAGER SITE CONTAMINATION

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Date: 8 March 2016

Για να ζητήσετε ένα αντίγραφο της παρούσας επιστολής στην ελληνική γλώσσα, παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνήστε στο 13 14 50.

Per richiedere una copia di questa lettera in italiano, si prega di telefonare 13 14 50.

Om 'n afskrif van hierdie brief in Afrikaans aan te vra, skakel 13 14 50.