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April 21, 2020

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Subject: Annual Notice to Stakeholders/Utilities

**SA-5 Consent Decrees** 

This letter documents Honeywell's compliance with the obligation to provide an annual update notice to New Jersey One Call and other underground alert hotlines regarding site conditions and activities at Site 153 Former Morris Canal (north and south) and New Jersey City University (NJCU) Property. These obligations are stated in paragraph 81 of the Consent Decree Regarding Sites 79 and 153 South, and Paragraph 104 of the Amended Consent Decree Regarding Remediation of the New Jersey City University Redevelopment Area, which includes Site 153 North. The update letters are being transmitted to New Jersey One Call as the appropriate underground utility hotline in New Jersey, and also to the individual utility companies with services in the area of the NJCU and Former Morris Canal Sites. Copies of the notification letters are attached for reference. Honeywell provided previous annual update notice letters to stakeholders including utility entities on April 26, 2019.

This letter covers calendar year 2019. NJCU has continued with its West Campus redevelopment work and is making significant progress. The Phase II Roadway work initiated in 2017 is expected to be completed in 2020. Post-work documentation will be provided in accordance with Section 4.1.1 of the New Jersey City University Long Term Monitoring Plan. In April 2018, a modified deed notice was recorded to document the barrier wall extension constructed in 2017. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) issued a Remedial Action Soil Permit Modification for the NJCU remedy, reflecting the inclusion of the barrier wall extension, on January 4, 2019. An updated deed notice was filed on November 12, 2019 for the Morris Canal Site to document the completion of remedial actions and changes made by Jersey City to Block and Lot numbers, and to reflect NJDEP's current deed notice format. A Remedial Action Soil Permit Application for the Morris Canal was submitted to the NJDEP in March 2020.

In the annual notice letters dated April 20, 2012, Honeywell provided utility maps including as-built drawings associated with the completed remedial actions for Site 153 and the NJCU Commercial Area (as required by paragraph 70 of the Consent Decree Regarding Sites 79 and 153 South and paragraph 79 of the Amended Consent Decree Regarding Remediation of the New Jersey City University Redevelopment Area). Updated as-builts including the additional remediation component at NJCU were sent to utility entities with the April 27, 2018 annual notification letters. Updated utility maps will be provided with subsequent annual notification letters to utility entities, as needed, based on any changes to the maps or following further remediation in conjunction with sewer repairs or replacement.

The notification letters, in addition, will be posted on a web site, as per the requirements of the above Consent Decrees. Honeywell is currently using the following website to provide information on the status of the chromium remedial actions: www.jerseycitychromiumcleanup.com.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 973-455-3302.

Sincerely,

Maria Karris

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Mr. James Holzer New Jersey One Call System 1 Corporate Place South, Suite 150 Piscataway, NJ 08854

Subject: Annual Update Regarding Utilities on Former Morris Canal and New Jersey City University

West Side Campus Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Holzer:

Honeywell is providing this annual notice update regarding site conditions and activities at the New Jersey City University (NJDEP Sites 90 and 184) and the Former Morris Canal (NJDEP Site 153) Properties as part of its focus on preventing any subsurface work from disturbing the environmental remedies implemented at these sites, and in compliance with the requirements of two separate Consent Decrees. These are the Consent Decree Regarding Sites 079 and 153 South, Paragraph 81, and the Amended Consent Decree Regarding Remediation of the New Jersey City University (NJCU) Redevelopment Area (which includes Site 153 North), Paragraph 104 (the Consent Decrees).

Under the referenced Consent Decrees, Honeywell must provide an annual update notice regarding Site conditions and activities related to the utilities identified in the area of the Morris Canal and NJCU Sites and New Jersey One Call or any other underground alert hotlines. Based on our review, New Jersey One Call is the appropriate underground utility hotline in New Jersey.

This letter provides an updated annual notice regarding the conditions and activities at the sites as required by the Consent Decrees. In addition, we are sending annual notification letters to the individual utility companies in the area of the above-referenced sites as a supplemental approach to utility notification. The previous notices were provided by Honeywell in a letter dated April 26, 2019.

Honeywell completed remedial actions for chromium impacts at the Former Morris Canal and NJCU sites that are subject to the Consent Decrees. The remedial actions, approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), are described below:

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Side Campus

Jersey City, New Jersey

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With regard to any work that the City of Bayonne is planning in the future related to its force main sewer line, we ask that you follow the Standard Operating Procedure we have developed jointly. You can report any such pending work by calling 855-727-2658, a special number Honeywell has obtained in order to receive such notifications.

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We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call me at (973) 455-3302.

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Subject: Annual Update Regarding Utilities on Former Morris Canal and New Jersey City University West

**Side Campus** 

Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Fields:

Honeywell is providing this annual notice update regarding site conditions and activities at the New Jersey City University (NJDEP Sites 90 and 184) and the Former Morris Canal (NJDEP Site 153) Properties as part of its focus on preventing any subsurface work from disturbing the environmental remedies implemented at these sites, and in compliance with the requirements of two separate Consent Decrees. These are the Consent Decree Regarding Sites 079 and 153 South, Paragraph 81, and the Amended Consent Decree Regarding Remediation of the New Jersey City University (NJCU) Redevelopment Area (which includes Site 153 North), Paragraph 104 (the Consent Decrees).

Under the referenced Consent Decrees, Honeywell must provide an annual update notice regarding Site conditions and activities related to the utilities in the area of the Morris Canal and NJCU Sites. The City of Bayonne has a sanitary sewer force main, manholes and associated structures located along Route 440 in Jersey City, within the Morris Canal and in close proximity to the NJCU Site. The previous annual notice was provided by Honeywell in a letter dated April 26, 2019.

Honeywell completed remedial actions for chromium impacts at the Former Morris Canal and NJCU sites that are subject to the Consent Decrees. The remedial actions, approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), are summarized below:

# **The Former Morris Canal**

This property consists of a narrow strip of land that was originally a part of the Former Morris Canal. The property runs adjacent to the eastern side of Route 440 from Carbon Place to Danforth Avenue (see attached aerial location map). Soils on portions of this property contain hexavalent chromium above New Jersey's most stringent soil guideline of 20 milligrams/kilogram (mg/kg). Utility poles and various utility lines are located on the property.

Remediation at the Former Morris Canal has been implemented as per the requirements of the two Consent Decrees referenced above and consistent with the Sewer Protocol issued by the NJDEP. In the southern part of the Canal starting north of Danforth Avenue and running approximately 2,525 feet north, just past Home Depot, remediation consisted of either: (a) excavation of the top 3 feet of soil and replacement with clean fill; or (b) replacement of the

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existing asphalt cap and/or landscaped areas so as to ensure the integrity and protectiveness of these engineering controls. The remedial actions in the southern portion of the Canal were conducted as two separate efforts, one at the end of 2009 and the second in the latter part of 2011.

Remedial actions in the northern part of the Canal, the section adjacent to NJCU, included the installation of a membrane cap and pavement in areas adjacent to the cap. The remedial actions in this section occurred in conjunction with the NJCU remedial actions, which, as per the detail provided below, were completed at the end of 2011.

Honeywell, as the owner of Morris Canal Property, has placed a deed restriction on the entire Morris Canal Site. The deed restriction, among other things, requires Honeywell to maintain the integrity of the above remedial measures. An updated deed notice was filed on November 12, 2019 to reflect NJDEP's current deed notice format, the completion of remedial actions as well as changes made by Jersey City to Block and Lot numbers. A Remedial Action Soil Permit Application for the Morris Canal was submitted to the NJDEP in March 2020.

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