



INFORMATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORTS

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VICTORIA'S AUDIT SYSTEM

An environmental audit system has operated in Victoria since 1989. The *Environment Protection Act 1970* (the Act) provides for the appointment by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA Victoria) of environmental auditors and the conduct of independent, high quality and rigorous environmental audits.

An environmental audit is an assessment of the condition of the environment, or the nature and extent of harm (or risk of harm) posed by an industrial process or activity, waste, substance or noise. Environmental audit reports are prepared by EPA-appointed environmental auditors who are highly qualified and skilled individuals.

Under the Act, the function of an environmental auditor is to conduct environmental audits and prepare environmental audit reports. Where an environmental audit is conducted to determine the condition of a site or its suitability for certain uses, an environmental auditor may issue either a certificate or statement of environmental audit.

A certificate indicates that the auditor is of the opinion that the site is suitable for any beneficial use defined in the Act, whilst a statement indicates that there is some restriction on the use of the site.

Any individual or organisation may engage appointed environmental auditors, who generally operate within the environmental consulting sector, to undertake environmental audits. The EPA administers the environmental audit system and ensures its ongoing integrity by assessing auditor applications and ensuring audits are independent and conducted with regard to guidelines issued by EPA.

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1970
SECTION 57AA
STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

I Peter N Thornton of Golder Associates Pty. Ltd., a person appointed by the Environment Protection Authority ("the Authority") under the Environment Protection Act 1970 ("the Act") as an environmental auditor for the purposes of the Act, having:

1. been requested by Ms Lorraine Chisholm of Glenmount Pty Ltd to issue a Certificate of Environmental Audit in relation to the land at 32 Cahill St, Dandenong, Victoria ("the site") owned and occupied by Glenmount Pty Ltd.
2. had regard to, amongst other things:
 - (i) guidelines issued by the authority for the purposes of Section 57AA of the Act;
 - (ii) the beneficial uses that may be made of the land at the site; and
 - (iii) relevant State environment protection policies and ANZECC guidelinesin making a total assessment of the nature and extent of any harm or detriment caused to, or the risk of any possible harm or detriment which may be caused to, any beneficial use made of the relevant segment of the site by any industrial process or activity, waste or substance (including any chemical substance); and
3. completed an environmental audit report (Golder Associates Report 98613548/018 - "the report") in accordance with Section 57AA(2) of the Act, a copy of which accompanies this Statement.

HEREBY STATE I am of the opinion that the land at 32 Cahill St, Dandenong and specifically identified as Certificate of Title Volume 9707 Folio 488 (Appendix A of the report) is contaminated or potentially contaminated to an extent where it may be detrimental to the beneficial use of the land at the site. Accordingly, I refuse to issue a Certificate of Environmental Audit for the site in its current condition because, in particular of the presence of soil at locations on the site with the potential for occurrences of elevated concentrations of petroleum related contaminants and petroleum free product.

I provide the following information regarding uses for which I consider the site suitable and any conditions attached there to:

The land at the site is suitable for on going industrial use consistent with the site zoning provided the following conditions are implemented or restrictions applied:

1. The Groundwater Management Plan (in Appendix C of the report) is adhered to.
2. Groundwater is not to be extracted from the site other than for the purposes of groundwater remediation.
3. A copy of the Audit Report and this Statement of Environmental Audit must be provided by Glenmount Pty Ltd to the relevant planning authority in its entirety.

GOLDER ASSOCIATES PTY LTD

per:



Peter N. Thornton
of Golder Associates Pty Ltd
EPA Appointed Auditor For Contaminated Land

Dated

21 July 1998

* This Statement of Environmental Audit for 32 Cahill St, Dandenong must be read in conjunction with the Audit Report, Golder Associates Ref No. 98613548/018

