



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.

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1970
STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

I, **Philip Mulvey** of **Environmental and Earth Sciences 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 **Mr Robert Chisholm** to issue a certificate of environmental audit in relation to the site located at **57 Church Street, Geelong West, Victoria** ('the site') owned/occupied by **J Chisholm Pty. Ltd.**

2. had regard to, among other things,

- (i) guidelines issued by the Authority for the purposes of Part IXD of the Act,
- (ii) the beneficial uses that may be made of the site, and
- (iii) relevant State environment protection policies/industrial waste management policies, namely
 - **State Environment Protection Policy (1997) - Groundwaters of Victoria;**
 - **State Environment Protection Policy (2002) - Prevention and Management of Contamination of Land;**
 - **State Environment Protection Policy (1997) - Waters of Victoria, Schedule F6, Corio Segment.**

in 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 site by any industrial processes or activity, waste or substance (including any chemical substance), and

completed an environmental audit report in accordance with Section 53X of the Act, a copy of which has been sent to the Authority and the relevant planning and responsible authority.

HEREBY STATE that I am of the opinion that

The site is suitable for the beneficial uses associated with **'Standard' Residential land use, single dwelling houses, and less sensitive uses including medium and high density residential use and commercial and industrial use**

subject to the following conditions attached thereto: **that groundwater cannot be used without further testing to confirm the water quality complies with standards applicable for the proposed use.**

The condition of the site is detrimental or potentially detrimental to any (one or more) beneficial uses of the site. Accordingly, I have not issued a Certificate of Environmental Audit for the site in its current condition, the reasons for which are presented in the environmental audit report. The terms and conditions that need to be complied with before a Certificate of Environmental Audit may be issued are set out as follows: **groundwater testing on and off site for quarterly for two years without detection of hydrocarbons by either odour or measurement.**

Other related information : **The Victorian Environment Protection Authority on 31 October 2003 confirmed that clean up to the extent practicable has occurred. Groundwater monitoring subsequent to the letter has confirmed contaminants are below the appropriate guidelines and groundwater has no odour**

This statement forms part of environmental audit report **Environmental and Earth Sciences, 57 Church Street, Geelong West, Victoria, Report Number 201012, 19 January 2004.** Further details regarding the condition of the site may be found in the environmental audit report.

DATED 4 February 2007

Signed: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITOR



Soil is the foundation of life