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Ms. Maria Kaouris Via Email Remediation Manager Honeywell 115 Tabor Road 4-D3 Morris Plains, NJ 07950 July 15, 2021

Approval

Re: Consent Judgment Compliance Letter

Remedial Action Type: Restricted Use for Soil and Shallow Groundwater

Scope of Remediation: Entire Site - Chromate Chemical Processing Waste (CCPW) and CCPW-

Related Metals and Historic Fill - Allied

Hudson County Chromate (HCC) Study Area 5 Site 153 Chromium Remedy

HCC Site 153 Former Morris Canal Program Interest Number: G000008767

Blocks/Lots: Block 21902, Lot 1; Block 26704, Lot 5

Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ

Dear Ms. Kaouris:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the site soil and groundwater remediation documents submitted by Honeywell pursuant to Paragraph 23.E of the 2011 Consent Judgment, and associated documents regarding remediation of chromate chemical production waste (CCPW) and CCPW-related metals (defined as hexavalent chromium, antimony, chromium, nickel, thallium, and vanadium) and historic fill at HCC Site 153, information in the Department's case file, and the certified representations and information provided to the Department. As owner of HCC Site 153, remediation by Honeywell addressed both CCPW-related contamination and non-CCPW contaminants associated with historic fill (pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Consent Judgment).

The Department approved the Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) and Remedial Action Report (RAR) for HCC Site 153 on September 14, 2017. The Department issued a Remedial Action Soil Permit (Permit No. RAP 200001) on June 10, 2021 and a Remedial Action Groundwater Permit for Monitored Natural Attenuation on August 14, 2018 (Permit No. RAP 180001) for HCC Site 153. See Attachment 1 for site location map and figures showing extent of Classification Exception Area (CEA).

Regional CEAs for chromium-related groundwater contamination in the shallow and deeper groundwater zones (referred to as the deep overburden and bedrock zones) are addressed by Remedial Action Groundwater Permits for Site 117 Former Ryerson Steel (PI No.008809) issued

on July 18, 2018 (Permit No. 170001 – Shallow Zone) and July 27, 2018 (Permit No. 170002 – Deep Overburden and Permit No. 170003 – Bedrock Zone).

Based on the information provided, the Department concludes that the remediation of the CCPW and CCPW-related metals and historic fill (metals and PAHs as defined in the RIR/RAWP/RAR) in soil and groundwater is protective of public health, safety, and the environment. The Department further concludes that the remediation satisfies the requirements of the Consent Judgment in New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, et al. v. Honeywell International Inc., et al., Docket No C-77-05, Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division-Hudson County (filed September 7, 2011) ("Consent Judgment"), the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E, and the Administrative Requirements for Remediation of Contaminated Sites at N.J.A.C. 7:26C. As a result, the Department has determined that remediation of the CCPW and CCPW-related metals and historic fill_in soils and groundwater are not subject to further review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10C-21 and 58:10C-25.

By operation of law, a Covenant Not to Sue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10B-13.2 applies to this remediation of CCPW and CCPW-related metals in groundwater. The Covenant Not to Sue is subject to any conditions and limitations contained herein, and remains effective as long as the real property referenced above continues to meet those conditions. This includes the need to continue to comply with any permit Honeywell is required to obtain or has obtained. Anticipated permits include monitoring well installation permits for any new monitoring wells and well decommissioning notice per N.J.A.C. 7:9D-3 for the eventual decommissioning of any site monitoring wells.

This letter serves as the functional equivalent to No Further Action ("NFA") letters issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. §58:10B-13.1 and N.J.A.C. 7:26C before those provisions were amended effective in 2012 to no longer authorize NFA letters. The Department recognizes this letter as serving the same function as previously served by NFA letters, and satisfies the same legal obligations formerly met by NFA letters, for sites regulated directly by NJDEP.

The Department requests Honeywell submit copies of this letter to the appropriate parties. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (609) 984-1351.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

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ATTACHMENT 1







