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Dear Kerrie

**Interim Audit Advice 3 - SMEC Remediation Strategy
North Eveleigh Rail Yard**

I, Rod Harwood of WSP Environmental Pty Limited (WSP) have been engaged by Redfern Waterloo Authority (RWA) to provide the services in the role of Site Auditor, accredited by NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) under the Contaminated Land Management Act (CLM Act), for the assessment and remediation of the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site.

In this role, I have previously reviewed proposed investigation strategies, sampling and analysis plans, site investigation fieldwork and resulting assessments and reports to date. The results of these assessments have indicated the presence of soil and groundwater contamination at the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site. A Concept Plan has been prepared for the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site. The Concept Plan proposes that the site be developed for a mix of commercial, retail, residential, cultural, community and open space land uses. In order for the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site to be suitable for the proposed land uses the identified contamination will require remediation. Currently, the Concept Plan has not been approved by the consent authority and subsequent drilling has not been carried out. As such the detail required for the development of a Remediation Action Plan (RAP) for the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site is not available.

In order to satisfy the consent authority that the remediation of the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site has been considered and will be addressed as part of the redevelopment so that the site is suitable for its proposed use, a "*Remediation Strategy*" document has been developed by SMEC Australia Pty Limited (SMEC). I agreed with this approach in my previous discussions with RWA.

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I have now reviewed the "*Remediation Strategy*" document prepared by SMEC and dated 2 April 2008. The document outlines the proposed approach to the remediation of the soil and groundwater that has been identified on the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site. The approach presented has been developed by SMEC in consultation with RWA and has been based on the development design and plans which are being submitted for the Concept Plan Application. I concur that the remediation strategy proposed by SMEC within this document is a reasonable approach to the remediation of the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site.

I further note that the "*Remediation Strategy*" document has been developed in support of the Concept Plan Application and does not constitute a RAP, as defined by the guidelines and policy endorsed by the NSW DECC and as such is not the subject of a Site Audit Report (SAR) and Site Audit Statement (SAS). A RAP document will be developed after the approval of the Concept Plan. The RAP should be based on the "*Remediation Strategy*" and should provide the detail necessary to complete the remediation and validation works to ensure that the North Eveleigh Rail Yard site can be made suitable for the proposed land uses. The RAP document will be the subject of a SAS and SAR. The SAS and SAR on the RAP will need to be completed by a Site Auditor, accredited by NSW DECC. Similarly, on satisfactory completion of the remediation and validation, a SAS (or multiple SASs for specific parts of the site), with SAR, would then be issued.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Harwood', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rod Harwood
Accredited Site Auditor (NSW EPA #03-04)