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Attention: Michael File

Dear Michael

RE: Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Clarification

In May 2008 Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) prepared a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the Sanctuary Villages site (2122870-PR0108) for Hardie Holdings Pty Ltd. It is understood that the NSW Department of Planning has reviewed the Phase 1 ESA report and has commented that the report does not appear to make a clear recommendation about site suitability for development.

The Phase 1 ESA indicated that the site has been historically used for rural, rural residential and mining leases. It recommends targeted testing for pesticides, in the areas proposed for residential use, and for hydrocarbons and hazardous materials in the proposed heritage area as part of Phase 2 work.

The Phase 1 ESA recommended that an intrusive Phase 2 ESA investigation and a hazardous materials audit be conducted prior to any site development. This will allow any potential contaminants, if identified in the Phase 2 investigation, to be remediated or removed from site. PB considers that, following this work the site would be suitable for the proposed residential and commercial use.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the undersigned on (02) 4929 8300.

Yours sincerely

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