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March 10, 2021

The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea
c/o Korean Cultural Services NY
460 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Re: Notice of Completion
122 East 32nd Street, Manhattan, NY
OER Site Number: 13CVCP134M

Dear Jungje Jo:

The New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) is pleased to inform you that the Remedial Action Report for the above-referenced site is hereby approved, allowing the Notice of Completion (NOC) to be issued for the site. Please find the Notice of Completion attached, the issuance date of which is March 10, 2021. Congratulations!

If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please contact me at 212-442-3007.

Sincerely,

Shaminder Chawla
Deputy Director



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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice Holder(s): The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea
c/o Korean Cultural Services NY
460 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Site Information: Site Name: 122 East 32nd Street
Site Owner: The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea
Street Address: 122 East 32nd Street, Manhattan, NY
Block 887, Lot 84
OER Site Number: 13CVCP134M

Project Description: The use of the Site is the Korean Cultural Center, consisting of a seven-story building with two below-grade cellar levels. The sub-cellar and cellar are utilized as auditorium, lower lobby, storage, utility rooms; the first floor is utilized as a lobby; the second floor is utilized as an exhibition space; the third floor is utilized as a library; the fourth floor is utilized as multi-purpose areas such as cooking, arts and crafts; the fifth floor is utilized as multi-purpose conference rooms; the sixth floor is utilized as offices, and the seventh floor is utilized as offices and pantry. Two exterior planted terraces are located on the second and third floors. The north façade (32nd Street) is open to the five-story atrium.

In order to construct the new cellars and foundations, soils beneath the entire Site were excavated to 34 feet below grade surface (bgs) (from adjacent sidewalk). Excavation covered the entire 6,419 -square foot footprint of the Site (i.e. to achieve a full build-out to the property boundaries). Additional excavation included 37 feet bgs and 40 feet bgs for the ejector pits and elevator pit installation, respectively. A total of 688.9 tons of construction and demolition debris was generated and disposed of at Earth Efficient Greenview facility; 1,795.5 tons of hazardous soils were generated and disposed of at Clean Earth of North Jersey, Cycle Chem (ACV), and Republic Environmental Systems (Stericycle) facilities; 12,315.27 tons of non-hazardous soils were generated and disposed of at Earth Efficient Greenview and Rodota facilities; approximately 30 tons of clean soil was transported to 67 Duffield Site utilizing the NYC Clean Soil Bank. Groundwater was identified at approximately 30 feet bgs during construction.

Approximately 1,400,000 gallons of fluids were dewatered through an 8-inch diameter combined sewer house connection to the 48-inch by 36-inch combined sewer on East 32nd Street between Lexington Avenue and Park Avenue under a New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) issued Dewatering Permit dated October 19, 2018.

Date of Voluntary

Cleanup Agreement: August 16, 2013

Notice Issuance

This Notice of Completion, hereinafter referred to as the “Notice,” is issued pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 24 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

This Notice has been issued upon satisfaction of the Director, following review by the Office of the Remedial Action Report and data submitted pursuant to the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement, as well as any other relevant information regarding the Site, that the remediation requirements set forth at Section 1407 of Title 43 of the Rules of the City of New York have been achieved in accordance with the Remedial Action Work Plan.

The remedial program for the Site has achieved a cleanup level that would be consistent with the following categories of uses:

- Unrestricted Use
- Restricted Use:
 - Residential
 - Restricted Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial

Liability Limitation

Upon issuance of this Notice of Completion, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Notice holder(s) shall be entitled to the liability limitation provided in Section 906 of Title 24 of the administrative code of the City of New York. The liability limitation shall run with the land, extending to the Notice holder’s successors or assigns through acquisition of title to the Site and to a person who develops or otherwise occupies the Site, subject to certain limitations as set forth in Section 906 of Title 24 of the administrative code of the City of New York, and any other applicable provision of law.

In accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York City Mayor’s Office of Environmental Remediation dated July 10, 2012, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation agrees that this site is of no further interest, and it does not plan or anticipate taking administrative or judicial action with regard to the property.

Notice of Transferability

This Notice may be transferred to the Notice holder’s successors or assigns upon transfer or sale of the Site as provided by section 906(c) of the administrative code of the City of New York.

Notice Modification/Revocation

This Notice of Completion may be modified or revoked by the Director following notice in accordance with Section 43-1408(f) of the Rules of the City of New York upon a finding that:

- (1) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the City Voluntary Cleanup Agreement;
- (2) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns made a misrepresentation of a material fact tending to demonstrate that the cleanup levels identified in the Voluntary Site Cleanup Agreement were reached; or
- (3) there is good cause for such modification or revocation.

The Notice holder(s) (including its successors or assigns) shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure any deficiency or to seek a hearing. If the deficiency isn't cured or a request for a hearing received within such 30-day period, the Notice shall be deemed modified or vacated on the 31st day after the Office notice.

Sincerely,



Shaminder Chawla
Deputy Director
New York City Office of Environmental Remediation

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