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Dear Alex,

CSSI 9371 NORTH STAR TO NSW/QLD BORDER PROJECT Unexpected Finds Procedure for Contamination Minister's Condition of Approval E150

I refer to the Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) Project No. 9371 North Star to NSW/QLD Border, on 20 February 2023 (NS2B Planning Approval), and specifically the requirement for an Unexpected Finds Procedure for Contamination to be prepared and submitted to the Planning Secretary for information in accordance with MCoA E150.

The Unexpected Finds Procedure for Contamination, which is presented in **Attachment 1** to this letter for your reference, includes details of who will be responsible for implementing the unexpected finds procedure and the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved should unexpected contamination or suspected contamination be excavated or otherwise discovered.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Tim Lennon, Program Environment Lead – Regulatory Engagement on TLennon@artc.com.au on 0475 772 454 or myself on ABarber@artc.com.au on 0459 997 854

Yours sincerely

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Signature

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Attachment 1: Unexpected Finds Procedure for Contamination

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Early Works - Environmental Management Plan

J.4 - Unexpected Contamination Find Procedure

Induction / Toolbox Talks

All personnel to receive Site Induction and ongoing training such as toolbox talks



Observation of Soil During Excavation

Observe soil during excavations to check for evidence of contamination (operator(s) / site supervisor).



Evidence of Contamination Observed

If observations indicate presence of potential contamination then <u>STOP ALL WORKS</u> in the immediate vicinity and prevent further activity in the area.

Notify Site Supervisor and Environmental Team immediately.

- Do not touch or further disturb the item / material (All personnel)
- Secure the site of the find and delineate as an exclusion zone (Site Supervisor and Environment lead/advisor)
- Cover the potentially contaminated material (stockpile or in-situ) (Site Supervisor)
- LOR Superintendent & Environment Manager to be advised of the location and extent of potential contamination, visual appearance, odour (if any), depth (if known) and the surrounding material (Site Supervisor)



Additional Assessment

A suitably qualified contamination consultant to be engaged to identify and assess the nature, degree, extent of potential contamination and propose remedial action required including the lawful disposal facilities required in accordance with all relevant environmental and safety statutory requirements. These may include sampling, laboratory analysis, waste classification in accordance with the EPA Waste Classification Guidelines and associated reports being generated.



Management Strategy / Remedial Action Plans

- Develop a plan for managing and/orremediating the suspect material (suitably qualified contamination consultant)
- Obtain any necessary approvals (Environment Manager)



Strategy Implementation

- Implement the approved management and/orremediation plan and dispose off-site as per the waste classification at a lawfully licenced waste facility (LOR Superintendent / Environment Manager)
- The suitably qualified contamination consultant, following their input to the Management Strategy / Remediation Action Plan, will perform or oversee any monitoring required for the works (i.e Air Quality or Odour). Validation of the remediated area will also be undertaken and clearance provided that any contaminated material has been removed appropriately.



Continue Works

Works may only recommence upon the receipt of a validation report / clearance certificate from a suitably qualified contamination specialist / licenced asbestos assessor