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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

President
Newton Refining Corporation
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Stanford, Ct 06901

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq., for the Diamond Head Oil Superfund Site, located in the Town of Kearny, Hudson County, New Jersey

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Kevin Lynch
Acting Strategic Integration Manager
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Please state the date on which your company acquired an ownership interest in real property located at 1401 Harrison Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey.

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   b. Please provide copies of the contract(s) of sale for your company's purchase of such property or properties.

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   d. Please provide copies of all attachments or amendments to the contracts for sale referenced in your Response to items (a), (b) and (c), above that describe the condition of said property or properties.

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CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

State of _____

County of _____:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that my company is under a continuing obligation to supplement its response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or the company's response thereto should become known or available to the company.

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NAME (print or type)

_____
TITLE (print or type)

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SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this

___ day of _____, 2002

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Notary Public

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12. The term "identify" means, with respect to a natural person, to set forth the person's name, present or last known employer and business address and business telephone number, present or last known home address and home telephone number, and present or last known job title, occupation, position or business.

13. The term "identify" means, with respect to a corporation, partnership, business trust or other association or business entity (including a sole proprietorship), to set forth its full name, address, legal form (e.g. corporation, partnership, etc.), and a brief description of its business.

14. The term "identify" means, with respect to a document, to provide its customary business description, its date, its number if any (invoice or purchase order number), the identity of the author, address or, addressee and/or recipient, and the substance or the subject matter. Your company can provide a copy of any document in lieu of so describing it.

15. All terms not defined herein shall have their ordinary meaning, unless such terms are defined in CERCLA or RCRA, in which case the statutory definitions shall apply.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Please state the date on which your company acquired an ownership interest in real property located at 1401 Harrison Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey.

   a. From whom was such property or properties purchased?

   b. Please provide copies of the contract(s) of sale for your company's purchase of such property or properties.

   c. Please provide copies of the contract(s) of sale for any subsequent sale by your company to Hudson Meadows Urban Development Corporation or another purchaser.

   d. Please provide copies of all attachments or amendments to the contracts for sale referenced in your Response to items (a), (b) and (c), above that describe the condition of said property or properties.

   e. Were there any indemnification agreements associated with any of the above sales of the property? If yes, has there been any attempt to activate these agreements? Describe the circumstances surrounding each attempt to activate the indemnification agreement, the current status of each attempt and if the attempt was resolved, describe the final resolution of each attempt.

2. At the time your company acquired the Site property, did you know or have reason to know that any hazardous substance or industrial waste had been disposed of, or otherwise released on this property? Describe all investigations of the Site which your company undertook prior to acquiring the Site property, or copies of any such investigations which were performed by the seller and provided to your company prior to the sale of Site property to your company. Please provide copies of any documents describing any such investigations as well as any analytical data or technical reports describing any soil, air, surface water or groundwater samples which were taken at the Site.

3. Subsequent to your company's purchase of the Site property, has your company performed or arranged for the performance of any investigation of environmental conditions at the Site property? If so, please provide copies of any reports describing such conditions and the results of any environmental data obtained from any soil, air, surface water or groundwater samples taken at the Site.

4. Please identify all federal, state and local authorities that have contacted your company in reference to any health, safety, or environmental issues regarding the Site property. Please provide copies of any correspondence, notices of violation, citations, or other documents concerning such health, safety, or environmental issues.

5. Please describe any and all actions that your company has taken subsequent to its purchase of the referenced property to dispose of, remove, contain, isolate, or otherwise handle or investigate any industrial wastes or hazardous substances that were present at the Site at the time of, or subsequent to, your company's purchase of the property. Please provide copies of any documents referencing any such actions.

6. Please provide copies of any correspondence between your company and the Hudson Meadows Urban Development Corporation, concerning any issues that may have arisen with respect to any effects from Diamond Head Oil's activities upon your company's property.

7. Please provide copies of any legal agreements such as leases, easement agreements or other contractual agreements between your company and Hudson Meadows Urban Development Corporation concerning your company's property.

8. Please state the names and present or last known addresses of all your company's past and present employees or any other persons who may have knowledge regarding the handling of hazardous substances or industrial wastes at the former Diamond Head Oil Refining facility located at the Site during the years 1946-1979 and/or knowledge of the disposal of any such materials and/or any releases of such materials that may have occurred at the Site.

9. Please identify each individual who assisted or was consulted or who answered on behalf of your company in the preparation of its response to this Request for Information.

10. In addition, identify all individuals (other than those identified in your response to Question 8) who may have information or documents relating to the disposal of the hazardous substances or industrial wastes that came to be located at the Site.

CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

State of _____

County of _____:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that my company is under a continuing obligation to supplement its response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or the company's response thereto should become known or available to the company.

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TITLE (print or type)

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SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this

___ day of _____, 2002

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Notary Public

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