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Ms. Janet K. Macdonald, P.G.
NCDENR – Division of Waste Management
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch - REC Program
1646 Mail Service Center
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First Quarter Progress Report 2016

(Former) Affordable Auto
500 West Franklin Boulevard
Gastonia, North Carolina
NCDENR No. NONCD0002276
EXCEL Project No. 201098

Dear Ms. Macdonald:

On behalf of Smith Enterprises (SME), this First Quarter 2016 Progress Report is provided for the above referenced REC site, as required by the Administrative Agreement. During this recent quarter, Excel continued evaluating site assessment data for the RI.

Based on the proposed work schedule, the project is progressing in a manner to achieve the mandatory work phase completion deadlines set out in 15A NCAC 13C.0300.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (704) 853-0800.

Sincerely,

EXCEL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, PLLC



Mike Stanforth
Registered Site Manager

IHSB SITE NAME Affordable Auto Repair – Gastonia, Gaston Co. NONCD0002276

DATE & NAME OF DOCUMENT 4/8/16 Quarterly Progress Report

TYPE OF SUBMITTAL (circle all that apply): Report, Work plan, Work Phase Comp. Statement, Schedule Change

REMEDIATING PARTY DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT (.0306(B)(2))

“I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information contained in this submittal, including any and all documents accompanying this certification, and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, the material and information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for willfully submitting false, inaccurate or incomplete information.”

Smith Enterprises of Gaston Co. LLC

Name of Remediating Party

[Signature]
Signature of Remediating Party

3/29/16
Date

NOTARIZATION

North Carolina (Enter State)

Gastonia COUNTY

I, Donna R. Bradley, a Notary Public of said County and State, do hereby certify that Timothy L. FRIDLEY did personally appear and sign before me this day, produced proper identification in the form of NC DL, was duly sworn or affirmed, and declared that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, after thorough investigation, the information contained in the above certification is true and accurate, and he or she then signed this Certification in my presence.

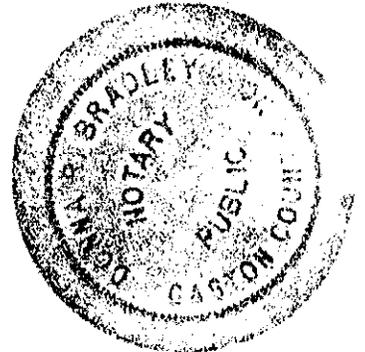
WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29 day of March, 2016.

[Signature]
Notary Public (signature)

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

My commission expires:

DONNA R. BRADLEY
NOTARY PUBLIC
Gastonia
North Carolina
My Commission Expires Jan. 27, 2020



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REGISTERED SITE MANAGER CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

As the Registered Environmental Consultant for the Site for which this filing is made, I certify that the signatures included herewith are genuine and authentic original handwritten signatures and/or true, accurate, and complete copies of the genuine and authentic original handwritten signatures of the persons who purport to sign for this filing. I further certify that I have collected through reliable means the originals and/or copies of said signatures from the persons authorized to sign for this filing who, in fact, signed the originals thereof. Those persons and I understand and agree that any copies of signatures have the same legally binding effect as original handwritten signatures, and I certify that any person for whom I am submitting a copy of their signature has provided me with their express consent to submit said copy. Additionally, I certify that I am authorized to attest to the genuineness and authenticity of the signatures, both originals and any copies, being submitted herewith and that by signing below, I do in fact attest to the genuineness and authenticity of all the signatures, both originals and copies, being submitted for this filing.

Mike Stanforth
Name of Registered Site Manager

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Site Manager

4/7/16
Date

REGISTERED SITE MANAGER DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT (.0306(b)(1))

"I certify under penalty of law that I am personally familiar with the information contained in this submittal, including any and all supporting documents accompanying this certification, and that the material and information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete and complies with the Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act N.C.G.S. 130A-310, et seq, and the remedial action program Rules 15A NCAC 13C .0300. I am aware that there are significant penalties for willfully submitting false, inaccurate or incomplete information."

Mike Stanforth
Name of Registered Site Manager

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Site Manager

4/7/16
Date

NOTARIZATION

North Carolina (Enter State)

Gastonia COUNTY

I, Donna E. Farris, a Notary Public of said County and State, do hereby certify that Mike Stanforth did personally appear and sign before me this day, produced proper identification in the form of NCDL, was duly sworn or affirmed, and declared that, he or she is the duly authorized environmental consultant of the remediating party of the property referenced above and that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, after thorough investigation, the information contained in the above certifications is true and accurate, and he or she then signed these Certifications in my presence.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 7th day of April, 2016.

Donna E. Farris
Notary Public (signature)



My commission expires: 5/4/2018