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Sebastian Kurien
Rowan Frederick II, LLC
1700 Westlake Ave. N., Suite 200
Seattle, Washington 98109

Re: Approval - Bauxite 2 Environmental Management Plan
5601 Manor Woods Road, Frederick, Maryland 21703
BMI Number: MD2196

Dear Mr. Kurien:

The Maryland Department of the Environment's Land Restoration Program (MDE-LRP) approves the January 2, 2025 *Environmental Management Plan - Construction of Temporary Overhead Distribution Line and Associated Duct Banks (EMP)* prepared by ERM in support of the Rowan Frederick II Data Center (Bauxite 2) construction project located in Frederick, Maryland. MDE-LRP acknowledges that the sampling procedures of the EMP are consistent with the Environmental Covenant and Soil Management Area.

Please note that our approval is given with the assumption that soil from Stockpile 2 (which is covered under a separate and MDE-LRP approved EMP) will be removed prior to the implementation of this EMP and all excavated soils in the duct bank and distribution route areas will be sampled for offsite disposal, as detailed in this EMP. Additionally, the management of any polychlorinated biphenyl contamination encountered during the work will be conducted with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency oversight.

For your information, MDE-LRP's review of the above plan was conducted in accordance with our statutory and regulatory authority on behalf of the public at large in seeking to protect human health and safety, as well as the natural resources of the State from contamination by pollutants, and not for the benefit of any specific group. As always, this letter should not be construed as a waiver or limitation of MDE-LRP's right to take enforcement or other action with respect to activities not addressed herein or unknown to MDE-LRP at this time, including newly discovered contamination or the exacerbation of existing contamination.

MDE and the State of Maryland retain all authority and rights against any person in any way responsible for causing the contamination present at or migrating from the site, including the right to seek all available relief, including equitable relief and damages of any nature, such as compensatory and natural resources damage, resulting from the release of any contaminant at the site.

If you have any questions regarding the EMP, please contact the project manager, Anuradha Mohanty, via email at anuradha.mohanty@maryland.gov or at 410-537-3466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amy Hollister". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Hollister" clearly distinguishable.

Amy Hollister
State Superfund Section Head

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