In the Matter of a Remedial Program for

DEC Site Name: Jackson Steel DEC Site No.:130095 Site Address: 435 First Street Mineola, NY 11501, (the "Site")

by: Mineola 435, LLC, ("Respondent") ORDER ON CONSENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT

Index No. R1-20190502-109

1. A. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") is responsible for inactive hazardous waste disposal site remedial programs pursuant to Article 27, Title 13 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") and Part 375 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations ("6 NYCRR") and may issue orders consistent with the authority granted to the Commissioner by such statute.

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C. This Order is issued pursuant to the Department's authority under, *inter alia*, ECL Article 27, Title 13, ECL Article 71, Title 27, and ECL 3-0301, and SFL Section 97-b, and resolves Respondent's liability to the State as provided at 6 NYCRR §375-1.5(b)(5) and under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA") 42 U.S.C: § 9601 et seq., to the extent set forth herein. Accordingly, to the extent set forth in Subparagraph XIII.E, pursuant to CERCLA § 113(f)(3)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(3)(B), Respondent may seek contribution from persons who are not parties to this Order.

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4. Respondent is a domestic limited liability company with a mailing address at c/o AJM, 2 Jericho Plaza, Suite 101, Jericho, NY 11753. Respondent maintains that neither it, nor its members, officers, or directors have any relationship to other persons that have liability for the Site.

5. Pursuant to the legal authorities stated herein, the Department has, and anticipates the need to spend additional monies of the hazardous waste remedial fund for the implementation of a Remedial Program,¹ including the investigation and remediation of hazardous wastes and/or substances identified on or in proximity to the Site. These expenditures are authorized by and in conformance with relevant and applicable state and federal law.

6. The Department alleges for purposes of this Order only that Respondent is liable for the reimbursement of the Department's administrative response costs (including any legally accrued interest) for the investigation and remediation of hazardous wastes and/or substances existing on the Site in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

7. Respondent denies any liability for the reimbursement of the Department's administrative response costs for the Site. Furthermore, Respondent, in entering into this Order, does not admit any liability or fault with respect to any matter arising out of or relating to the Site.

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9. Respondent consents to the issuance of this Order without (i) an admission or finding of liability, fault, wrongdoing, or violation of any law, regulation, permit, order, requirement, or standard of care of any kind whatsoever; (ii) an acknowledgment that there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous waste at or from the Site; and/or (iii) an acknowledgment that a release or threatened release of hazardous waste at or from the Site constitutes a significant threat to the public health or environment. The parties recognize that this Order is mutually acceptable, fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

10. Solely with regard to the matters set forth below, Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing as may be provided by law, consents to the issuance and entry of this Order, and agrees to be bound by its terms. Respondent consents to and agrees not to contest the authority or jurisdiction of the Department to issue or enforce this Order, and agrees not to contest the validity of this Order or its terms or the validity of data submitted to the Department by Respondent pursuant to this Order.

NOW, having considered this matter and being duly advised, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

I. <u>Real Property</u>

The Site subject to this Order has been assigned number 130095, consists of approximately 1.39 acres, is as follows:

Subject Property Description (A Map of the Site is attached as Exhibit A)

Tax Map/Parcel No.:Section 9, Block 672, Lot 4Street Address:435 First Street, Mineola, New YorkOwner:Mineola 435, LLC

- II. Site Management Plan/Operation and Maintenance/Periodic Reporting
 - A. Respondent shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days following the effective date of this Order, submit to the Department for review and approval

a Site Management Plan ("SMP") which outlines Respondent's operation and maintenance obligations, including operation and maintenance of a sub-slab depressurization system ("SSDS") at the Site. Respondent shall operate and maintain the SSDS and shall submit periodic review reports to the Department as required in the SMP.

B. Respondent shall submit an initial periodic report in accordance with the schedule in the SMP and thereafter in accordance with a schedule determined by the Department. Such periodic report shall be signed by a Professional Engineer or by such other qualified environmental professional as the Department may find acceptable and shall contain a certification as provided at 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(h)(3). Respondent may petition the Department for a determination that the institutional and/or engineering controls may be terminated. Such petition must be supported by a statement by a Professional Engineer that such controls are no longer necessary for the protection of public health and the environment. The Department shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of such petition.

III. Environmental Easement

A. Respondent shall submit to the Department for approval an environmental easement to run with the land in favor of the State which complies with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36, and 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(h)(2). Upon acceptance of the environmental easement by the State, Respondent shall comply with the requirements of 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(h)(2).

IV. Payment of State Costs

Invoices shall be sent to Respondent at the following address(es): Mineola 435, LLC c/o AJM 2 Jericho Plaza, Suite 101 Jericho, NY 11753 Attn: Adam Mann adam@ajmre.com

Respondent shall pay future state costs as set forth in Appendix A. Respondent shall have no responsibility for state costs incurred prior to the date of this Consent Order.

V. <u>Communications</u>

- A. All written communications required by this Consent Order shall be transmitted by United States Postal Service, by private courier service, by hand delivery, or by electronic mail.
 - 1. Communication from Respondent shall be sent to:

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- B. The Department and Respondent each reserve the right to designate additional or different addressees for communication on written notice to the other. Additionally, the Department reserves the right to request that the Respondent provide more than one paper copy of any work plan or report.
- C. Each party shall notify the other within ninety (90) days after any change in the addresses listed in this paragraph or in Paragraph I.

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DATED: March 8, 2021

BASIL SEGGOS COMMISSIONER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

By: theory

Michael Ryan, P.E., Director Division of Environmental Remediation

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Respondent hereby consents to the issuing and entering of this Consent Order, waives Respondent's right to a hearing herein as provided by law, and agrees to be bound by this Consent Order.

Mineola 435, LLC

By: <u>UW W</u> Name: Adam Mann Title: Authorized Signatory Date: <u>2/25/2</u>]

STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss: COUNTY OF NASSAU)

On the 25^{th} day of $\underbrace{\text{february}}_{\text{in the year 2021, before me, the undersigned, personally Adam Mann, personally known to me who, being duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at <math>\frac{1}{40} \text{ AJM}, 2$ John Michael (4) John M

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Name: Adam Mann Title: Authorized Signatory Date: Q(35/3/

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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On the 25th day of <u>federary</u> in the year 2021, before me, the undersigned, personally Adam Mann, personally known to me who, being duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at <u>clo AJM, 2 Jenche Plz, Sure 101, Jenche Ny</u> and that he is the <u>furtherized Signation</u> of Mineola 435, LLC, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; and that he signed his name thereto by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.

Notary Public, State of New York

ALEX SANDS Notary Public, State of New York Reg. No. 01SA6398069 Qualified in Nassau County Commission Expires September 23, 2023

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