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July 14, 2011

Thomas & Betts Corporation c/o Mr. Michael J. Geiger, Esq. Asst. General Counsel 8155 T&B Boulevard Memphis, TN 38125

Re:

Notice of Potential Liability at Operable Unit Two of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site which includes the J.M. Mills Landfill in Cumberland and Lincoln, Rhode Island.

Dear Mr. Geiger:

This letter serves to formally notify Thomas & Betts Corporation of the potential liability it has or may have incurred with respect to Operable Unit Two of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site which includes the J.M. Mills Landfill, in Cumberland and Lincoln, Rhode Island (the "Site"). In addition, this letter requests that you pay certain costs related to the Site and that you prepare to participate in the conduct or financing of certain clean-up activities at the Site.

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at the Site.

Under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(a) and 9607(a) ("CERCLA"), and other laws, responsible parties may be obligated to undertake actions deemed necessary by EPA to protect the public health, welfare, or environment. Responsible parties may also be liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, clean-up response and enforcement activities. In addition, responsible parties may be required to pay damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, including the costs to assess such damages.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include persons who are current or former owners and/or operators of a site, persons who arranged for disposal of hazardous substances at a site, or

persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport to a site selected by such persons.

EPA has evaluated a large body of evidence in connection with its investigation of the Site, including Site business records, manifests, state records, and corporate records. Based on this evidence, EPA has information indicating that you are a potentially responsible party ("PRP") with respect to this Site. Specifically, EPA has reason to believe that you are the successor to Augat, Inc., an entity that arranged by contract, agreement or otherwise for disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment of hazardous substances found at the Site.

By this letter, EPA notifies you of your potential liability with regard to this matter. EPA also encourages you, as a PRP, to reimburse EPA for the costs incurred to date as set out below. Currently, KIK Custom Products, Inc. ("KIK") and Waste Management are under an obligation to perform the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") and Unilever and Waste Management are under an obligation to finance the RI/FS at the Site through an October 18, 2004 Third Amendment to the Administrative Order on Consent. EPA encourages you to voluntarily enter into discussions with KIK, Unilever, and Waste Management, and to cooperate and participate with these parties in the performance of the RI/FS at the Site. EPA understands that the PRPs are in the process of forming a Steering Committee and suggests that you contact Curt Connors (cconnors@gncm.net), Jonathan Murphy (jamurphy@bpslaw.com) or David Graham (dbgraham@kaufcan.com) to discuss those efforts.

DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS

In accordance with CERCLA and other authorities, EPA has undertaken certain actions and incurred costs in response to conditions at the Site. These response actions are described below. The costs to date associated with these actions are approximately \$2,245,630.50 excluding interest. EPA anticipates that it will expend additional funds for response activities at the Site under the authority of CERCLA and other laws, including those response activities described below.

In accordance with Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), a demand is hereby made for payment of the above amount, and all interest authorized to be recovered under that Section or under any other provisions of law. Demand is also hereby made under these authorities for payment of all future costs, and interest thereon, that EPA may accrue in regard to the Site.

In the event the addressee of this notice intends or has already filed for dissolution or reorganization under bankruptcy laws, you are hereby requested to include EPA-Region I, and the United States Department of Justice on any mailing or notice lists used in that proceeding. The United States reserves the right to file a proof of claim or application for reimbursement of administrative expenses in such a proceeding.

Contained in Enclosure B of this letter is a current summary of the costs expended for this Operable Unit of the Site. As you may be aware, PRPs are entitled to review the invoices which form the basis for EPA's past costs. Some of these documents may contain information that EPA's contractors claim is entitled to confidential treatment. The Agency's past practice has

been to obtain the consent of the contractors pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 2.209(f) (confidential business information regulations) before releasing this information to PRPs. These regulations, however, have been revised to allow information on past costs to be released provided that the interested party signs a Confidential Business Information Agreement ("Agreement") not to disclose this information.

This Agreement is necessary to protect the interests of the submitters in the confidentiality of the business information. No party is under any obligation to execute this Agreement. Without executing this Agreement, however, the Agency cannot release documentation on past costs. If you are interested in reviewing these documents, please contact David J. Newton, EPA Regional Project Manager, at (617) 918-1243.

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AT THE SITE

EPA has conducted the following activities at the Site:

- A time-critical removal action in response to tanks, still bottoms and drums located at the Site and to restrict access to the Site by the construction of a fence; and
- 2. A time-critical removal action in response to asbestos disposal and fence repair.

EPA is conducting or plans to conduct the following activities at the Site:

- Remedial Investigations to identify the local characteristics of the Site and to define the nature and extent of soil, air, surface water and ground water contamination at the Site;
 - 2. Feasibility Studies to evaluate the feasibility of possible remedial actions to remove or contain hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants at the Site;
 - 3. Design and implementation of a Remedial Action for the Site to be approved by EPA; and
 - 4. Operation, maintenance and monitoring of the Site as deemed necessary by EPA.

In addition to those enumerated above, EPA may, pursuant to its authorities under CERCLA and other laws, decide that other response activities are necessary to protect public health, welfare or the environment.

SPECIAL NOTICE AND NEGOTIATION MORATORIUM

At an appropriate point in the future, you will receive an additional notice informing you that one or more of the above activities is pending and that your cooperation is being requested to negotiate the terms of an agreement to perform or finance these activities. This forthcoming notice will serve to inform you that EPA is using either CERCLA Section 122(e) Special Notice

procedures to formally negotiate the terms of a consent order or consent decree to conduct or finance site response activities at the Site or it will inform you that EPA is not using such procedures pursuant to Section 122(a). If EPA does not use Section 122(e) Special Notice procedures, the Section 122(a) notice will explain why the Special Notice procedures were not appropriate in this case. Under Section 122(e), EPA has the discretionary authority to invoke Special Notice procedures if EPA determines that such procedures would facilitate an agreement between EPA and the PRPs and would expedite remedial action at the Site. Use of the Special Notice procedure triggers a moratorium on certain EPA activities at the Site. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide a period of time when PRPs and EPA may enter into formal negotiations allowing PRPs the opportunity to conduct or finance the response activities at the Site.

ENCLOSURE INFORMATION

- A description of the Site, specifically Operable Unit 2 which includes the J. M. Mills Landfill. (Enclosure A)
- Master Roll-Off Sheet dated September 18, 1972 indicating that Goditt & Boyer picked up drums from Augat, Inc. for disposal at the Site (represents additional evidence of waste disposal at the Site discovered since the January 2011 104(e) Information Request Mailing) (Enclosure B)
- A current Site Cost Summary for OU 2. (Enclosure C)
- A list of the names and addresses of potentially responsible parties to whom this
 notification was provided. This list represents EPA's preliminary findings on the
 identities of potentially responsible parties. EPA's responsible party search is
 continuing. Inclusion on or exclusion from the list does not constitute a final
 determination by the Agency concerning the liability of any party for the hazard
 or contamination at the Site. (Enclosure D)
- An Information Sheet for Small Businesses. (Enclosure E)

PRP Steering Committee:

EPA understands that the PRPs are in the process of forming a Steering Committee and suggests that you contact Curt Connors (cconnors@gncm.net), Jonathan Murphy (jamurphy@bpslaw.com) or David Graham (dbgraham@kaufcan.com) to discuss those efforts. This Steering Committee will function as a group representing and pursuing the interests of the PRPs during negotiations with EPA. To facilitate negotiations at an appropriate time in the future, EPA will conduct a meeting with responsible parties. At the meeting, EPA will detail the existing knowledge about conditions at the Site and describe the past response activities that have been taken at the Site to date.

Administrative Record

In accordance with Section 113(k) of CERCLA, EPA must establish an administrative record containing the documents used by EPA to select the appropriate response action for the Site. An administrative record for Operable Unit 1 of the Site has been previously established. An administrative record for Operable Unit 2 of the Site will also be established. The administrative record will be available to the public for inspection and comment at:

U.S. EPA Records Center 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Telephone No. 617-918-1440

Another copy of the administrative record will also be made available at the Cumberland Public Library at 1464 Diamond Hill Road in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

TIMING AND FORM OF RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER

You, as a potentially responsible party, should notify EPA in writing within <u>twenty-one (21)</u> <u>days</u> from receipt of this letter regarding your willingness to perform or finance the response activities described above. If EPA does not receive a timely response, EPA will assume that your organization does not wish to negotiate a resolution of its liabilities in connection with the Site and that your organization has declined any involvement in performing the response activities.

Your letter should indicate the appropriate name, address, and telephone number for further contact with you. If you are already involved in discussions with state or local authorities, engaged in voluntary clean-up action, or involved in a lawsuit regarding this Site, you should continue such activities as you see fit. This letter is not intended to advise you or direct you to restrict or discontinue any such activities; however, you are advised to report the status of those discussions or actions in your response to this letter and to provide a copy of your response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

Your response letter should be sent to:

U.S. EPA Records Center c/o Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

If you have general questions concerning the Site, please contact David J. Newton, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OSRR07-1), Boston, MA02109-3912, (617) 918-1243. If you have any legal questions relevant to the Notice of Liability or if your attorney wishes to communicate with EPA on your behalf, please contact Michelle Lauterback, Senior Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OES04-3), Boston, MA 02109-3912, (617) 918-1774.

The factual and legal discussions in this letter are intended solely to provide notice and information, and such discussions are not to be construed as a final agency position on any matter set forth herein. Due to the seriousness of the environmental and legal problems posed by conditions at the Site, EPA urges that immediate attention and a prompt response be given to this letter.

By copy of this letter, EPA is notifying the State of Rhode Island and the Federal Natural Resource Trustee(s) of our intent to perform or enter into negotiations for the performance or financing of response actions at the Site.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

James T. Owens, III, Director

Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

Enclosures

Sent by electronic mail only

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Paul Kulpa, RIDEM Project Manager
Michael Rubin, EAU, Office of Rhode Island Attorney General
Leo Hellested, Office Waste Management, RI Dept. of Environmental Management
Andy Raddant, Department of the Interior, Federal Natural Resource Trustee
Ken Finkelstein, NOAA, Federal Natural Resource Trustee

ENCLOSURE A: SITE DESCRIPTION

The Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site (the "Site") consists of two operable units ("OUs") and a potential OU 3 area, totaling over two linear miles of mixed industrial/commercial/residential property. The Site is located along the Blackstone River and includes a portion of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. The Site is located in the towns of Cumberland and Lincoln, in the north-central corner of Rhode Island.

The OU 2 portion of the Site, which contains the J.M. Mills Landfill, is surrounded by industrial, residential and semi-rural properties. Bordering OU 2 to the north is the Hope Global Company, located at 88 Martin Street, Cumberland. Hope Global is part of the OU 1 area of the Site. To the south of OU 2 is the Stop and Shop Market (and strip mall) on Mendon Road, Cumberland (Route 122). The eastern boundary of OU 2 includes a portion of the Mackland Sand and Gravel operations and wetlands formerly known locally as the New River. Finally, the western boundary of OU 2 is the Blackstone River.

OU 2 contains many different parcels. EPA believes that the most contaminated parcel is the privately owned 52 acre J. M. Mills Landfill which accepted mixed municipal and industrial waste from 1954 through 1986. Adjacent to the J.M. Mills Landfill is a privately owned 34 acre unnamed island located in the Blackstone River. EPA recently discovered solid wastes disposed on this island and believes that the island's soils were used to provide daily cover materials for the landfill and, perhaps, was even used as an additional disposal location during the time in which the landfill was operating. Down river from the unnamed island is the Pratt Dam, which provides an access point to the island. The Site also includes the 26 acre Lincoln Quinnville Wellfield and the Cumberland Lenox Street municipal well. These wells were used by the towns of Lincoln and Cumberland as a municipal water supply until 1979 when they were closed by the Rhode Island Department of Health due to the presence of volatile organic contaminants found in the water. A section of the Providence and Worcester Railroad line runs through OU 2 and forms the eastern extent of the landfill slope while the river forms the landfill's western boundary. A former privately owned transfer station arranged for waste to be disposed of at the J.M. Mills Landfill. This transfer station was located on the southern portion of the Site. Other areas of OU 2 include portions of the Blackstone River and an adjacent canal, the Blackstone River Bikeway and a privately owned sand and gravel operation.

Preliminary samples taken from OU 2 indicate the presence of volatile organic contaminants (including, but not limited to, trichloroethylene, freon 11, 1,2-dichloroethene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, benzene) and also chromium, nickel and lead in the groundwater. Contaminants found in the soil and sediment include benzo(a)pyrene, chrysene, indeno(1,2,3+cd)pyrene, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, aroclors and asbestos insulation/transite. In addition, preliminary sampling of the soils along the river has found contamination with polychlorinated biphenyls, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and heavy metals.

EPA included the Site on the Superfund National Priorities List on September 8, 1983. EPA conducted a removal action on the OU 2 area in 1992 to construct a fence around the former J.M. Mills Landfill and to remove drums containing contaminated materials from the base of the landfill. In November 1997, a second removal action was conducted at the J.M. Mills Landfill to address recently disposed asbestoscontaining wastes found outside of the fenced-in area. The security fence was extended to limit further dumping and restrict access to the OU 2 portion of the Site.

An investigation into the nature and extent of contamination at the J.M. Mills Landfill and surrounding areas is currently underway. Following the completion of this study, a final cleanup remedy will be selected, a remedial design will be completed and the remedial action will be initiated.

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Itemized Cost Summary

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Unrecovered OU2 costs through September 30, 2010

REGIONAL PAYROLL COSTS	\$617,045.28
HEADQUARTERS PAYROLL COSTS	\$7,473.40
REGIONAL TRAVEL COSTS	\$1,467.76
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (ATSDR)	\$5,821.93
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (NOAA)	\$18,573.59
EMERGENCY REMOVAL CLEANUP SERVICES (ERCS) CONTRACT COSTS	
OHM REMEDIATION SERVICES CORPORATION (68-01-7445)	\$44,565.95
OHM REMEDIATION SERVICES CORPORATION (68-W3-0012)	\$21,897.18
ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES (ESS) CONTRACT COSTS	
MABBETT & ASSOCIATES, INC. (EPW07051)	\$72,272.69
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE TEAMS (ESAT) CONTRACT COSTS	
ROY F. WESTON, INC. (68-01-7443)	\$3,617.21
INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (IAG) COSTS	
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - FWS (DW14424801)	\$2,267.67
OTHER CONTRACT COSTS	
TECHLAW, INC. (0Z0109NBLX)	\$980,205.81
LABAT ANDERSON INC. (68-W9-0052)	\$3,543.63
TECHLAW, INC. (EP051000077)	\$164,998.49
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GENERAL NOTICE

Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Operable Unit 2
A list of the names and addresses of Potentially Responsible
Parties to whom this notification was provided.

Enclosure D

Acme Service 985 Plainfield Street Johnston, RI 02919

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INFORMATION SHEET

U. S. EPA Small Business Resources

If you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a variety of compliance assistance resources such as workshops, training sessions, hotlines, websites, and guides to assist you in complying with federal and state environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations, improve compliance, and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

Compliance Assistance Centers

(www.assistancecenters.net)

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established Compliance Assistance Centers that provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses.

Agriculture

(www.epa.gov/agriculture or 1-888-663-2155)

Automotive Recycling Industry (www.ecarcenter.org)

Automotive Service and Repair (www.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK)

Chemical Industry (www.chemalliance.org)

Construction Industry (www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Education (www.campuserc.org)

Healthcare Industry (www.hercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Metal Finishing (www.nmfrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

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Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing (www.pwbrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printing (www.pneac.org or 1-888-USPNEAC) Transportation Industry (www.transource.org)

Tribal Governments and Indian Country (www.epa.gov/tribal/compliance or 202--564-2516)

US Border Environmental Issues (www.bordercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

The Centers also provide State Resource Locators (www.envcap.org/statetools/index.cfm) for a wide range of topics to help you find important environmental compliance information specific to your state.

EPA Websites

EPA has several Internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. If you don't have access to the Internet at your business, many public libraries provide access to the Internet at minimal or no cost.

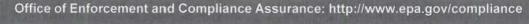
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Small Business Gateway www.epa.gov/smallbusiness

Compliance Assistance Home Page www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance www.epa.gov/compliance

Voluntary Partnership Programs www.epa.gov/partners



U.S. EPA SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Hotlines, Helplines & Clearinghouses

(www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm)

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. A few examples are listed below:

Clean Air Technology Center (www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-0800)

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/infocenter/epcra.htm or 1-800-424-9346)

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline provides regulatory and technical assistance information. (www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

The National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from the U.S. EPA, states, and other compliance assistance providers (www.epa.gov/clearinghouse)

National Response Center to report oil and hazardous substance spills. (www.nrc.uscq.mil or 1-800-424-8802)

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (www.epa.gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799)

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html or 1-800-426-4791)

Stratospheric Ozone Refrigerants Information (www.epa.gov/ozone or 1-800-296-1996)

Toxics Assistance Information Service also includes asbestos inquiries. (1-202-554-1404)

Wetlands Helpline (www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/wetline.html or 1-800-832-7828)

State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information or the following two resources:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman (www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

Small Business Environmental Homepage (www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org or 1-724-452-4722)

Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated,

businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses:

The Small Business Compliance Policy (www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness)

Audit Policy (www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing)

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

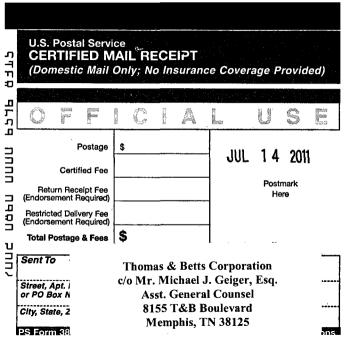
The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an SBA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) designation, number of employees, or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

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