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SUBJECT: **Urbanmine Inc. – Information for Public Registries**

Tania,

Please find attached additional correspondence received from Urbanmine related to the Urbanmine Inc file (5684.00) for distribution to the public registries. The documents included are:

Additional Correspondence

- October 31 2014 letter from Adam Chisick 2 pages

2 pages total

Thank you.

Eshetu Beshada, Ph.D., P. Eng.

October 31, 2014

Dear Neighbour:

Last week, we invited you to attend a public meeting to learn more about Urbanmine's operating practices and to give you, our neighbours, the opportunity to share your concerns. We appreciate that not everyone was able to attend so we wanted to recap the evening.

As you may know Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship has recommended we apply for an environmental licence, a request we complied with willingly and immediately. As part of that process we hosted the public meeting last week and about 75 members of the community attended.

The evening was led by a third-party facilitator who invited Urbanmine to explain what we do and don't do on our property. For example, we do not dismantle batteries, shred cars or melt metal at Urbanmine.

The next presentation was from a respected environmental scientist from Dillon Consulting. The Dillon representative indicated that they are in the process of conducting a thorough study of noise, vibration, and emissions from Urbanmine's operations. They have collected data from several locations (including the field east of Urbanmine, in our work place and in Lindenwoods). That data is being analyzed at present. When it is complete Manitoba Conservation will review it and advise us on next steps.

At the public meeting, the facilitator then invited neighbours to make a presentation and opened the floor to questions. Based on the discussion, it appears neighbours are most concerned about noise, dust, the view, hours of operation and fire risks. Issues around traffic and lighting seemed to be of a lesser concern.

There was considerable discussion around fire and we have subsequently been through our files and have more detail to share on that. We can confirm that a fire that was burning in the field over the rail road tracks did not originate from our property. At the end of the meeting, a neighbour came forward and confirmed that the fire began on railway property.

Our records show that we called upon the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service 11 times in six years. Four of those were for medical reasons for customers or staff who were ill. Two calls were for water pressure adjustments on our sprinklers, two were false alarms, one was for a controlled fire in a barrell and two were for vehicle fires. Smoke seen on the property last year was a staged event for a movie being shot by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox on the Urbanmine location and was pre-approved by the City of Winnipeg. Urbanmine has a fire and safety plan, we have trained staff in fire prevention and safety practices, and we have one fire hydrant in the centre of the yard and two on the edges of our property. We have had no fires since 2011.

Over the coming weeks and months our next steps include:

**Communicating with you more often.** We commit to keeping you up to date on the process with Manitoba Conservation as well as on our on-going operational improvements.

**Determine immediate changes:** We are reviewing the key concerns to determine which ones we can address right away and which will take more time to implement.

For example this week we have spoken with our heavy equipment operators to re-emphasize the need to “place” the scrap, rather than “drop” the scrap, when moving materials around our yard or when loading trucks, all in an effort to reduce the noise level. We are also looking at ways to address and reduce the view of the scrap as seen from Lindenwoods.

**Work with the experts:** With the help of the experts at Dillon Consulting, Manitoba Conservation, and the City of Winnipeg, we will determine the best way to proceed as we continually work to improve our process and your comfort.

Taking care of the environment is an important part of our business. We are a recycling company that accepts ferrous and non-ferrous metals, and electronic waste from businesses and homeowners. We process products safely, under strict government and industry regulations, and we keep tons of that material out of landfills every month. Our commitment to do that in a safe and considerate manner, alongside our government partners, has not changed since the day we opened.

If you attended last week, thank you again. If you did not attend, we commit to keeping you updated on the process with Manitoba Conservation and on-going operational improvements we are making.

Thank you  
Adam Chisick, Vice President, Urbanmine