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15 February 2021

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Attention: George Stulle

Dear George,

#### RE: Proposed Heartwood Community Residential Development

#### Lot 456 DP755557, Bellingen

Preliminary Desktop Study – Site Contamination Assessment (SCA)

#### **1** INTRODUCTION

Regional Geotechnical Solutions Pty Ltd (RGS) has completed this desktop assessment for the Proposed Heartwood Community Residential Development to be constructed at Lot 456 DP755557, Bellingen. The desktop assessment presented herein addresses the site contamination aspects of the site. A geotechnical assessment for the site has previously been undertaken by RGS with results presented in report RGS32154.1 – AB dated 27 November 2020.

It is understood that the proposed development is to include subdividing the northern 17.54ha of the 75.07ha site into 76 residential lots that range between about 620m<sup>2</sup> and 2,060m<sup>2</sup>. Four roads are proposed within the development. The southern portion of the site is to be conserved under a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement. The extent of cut or fill earthworks has not yet been provided.

The proposed development layout is presented below.

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Preliminary site contamination assessment is required to assess the suitability of the site for the proposed development. At this stage, the assessment is limited to a Stage 1 Site Contamination Assessment (SCA) to assess the historical land use, the potential for contamination resulting from past land use, a general appraisal of the type and location of potential contamination on the site, and an assessment of the need for further investigations.

# 2 GEOLOGY

# 2.1 Surface Conditions

The 75.07ha site is bound by the Hill Street trail to the west, bushland to the south and west, and by large lot residential lots to the north that are accessed by Endeavour Drive. Site access is currently from Endeavour Drive. A satellite photograph that shows the location of the site and the site setting is reproduced below.



Satellite photograph obtained from the NSW Government 'Six Maps' (dated 2009) that illustrates the site location and setting. The site boundaries are shown by a yellow shaded red box. The approximate extent of the proposed residential development is shown by a blue box.

The site is situated within a region characterised by moderately to steeply sloping terrain. The northern portion of the site where development is proposed is dominated by an east-west trending ridgeline in the south of the development footprint (i.e. blue box above). A north plunging ridgeline spur bisects the development and grades down towards Endeavour Drive.

The site is vegetated with sparsely scattered mature trees, grasses and weeds including lantana. Thicker vegetation is present within the lower lying gullies in the northeast and northwest of the site which limited detailed site observations within these areas.

Residual silty clay and extremely to highly weathered very low to low strength phyllite is exposed across the site with distinct quartz veins being present. Minor scour/erosion of surface soils is present on steeper sections of the site and is more prominent within the existing 4WD tracks that are devoid of vegetation.

Typical site photographs are presented below.





Looking south on grade dirt track from near the existing end of Endeavor Drive.

Looking west across the northern face of the eastwest trending ridgeline towards sparse vegetation

#### 2.2 Subsurface Conditions

The NSW Government '*MinView*' Geological Survey of NSW indicates that the site is underlain by Bellingen Slate that comprises dark micaceous slate, lithofeldspathic sandstone, minor conglomerate.

The geotechnical assessment revealed a subsurface profile generally comprising of residual soils overlying extremely weathered phyllite grading into highly to moderately weathered phyllite from about 1.0m to 1.5m. Groundwater was not encountered during the geotechnical investigation.

A groundwater bore search on the NSW Department of Primary Industries Office of Water website (<u>https://realtimedata.waternsw.com.au/water.stm</u>) indicates there are no licensed bores located within a 1km radius of the site.

# **3 PRELIMINARY SITE CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT**

The desktop assessment presented herein involved the following:

- A brief study of site history, with the aim of identifying past activities on or near the site that might have the potential to cause contamination;
- Review of available recent and historical aerial photography from the last 65 years;
- Government records of groundwater bores in the area;
- A review of the previous geotechnical investigation; and
- Land title search of the respective lots available from the Land Titles Office.

Using the above information, the site was characterised into Areas of Environmental Concern (AEC), in which the potential for contamination has been identified, and nominate Chemicals of Concern that might be associated with those activities.



#### 3.1 Site History

A search of the NSW EPA website (<u>http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/</u>) revealed that no notices have been issued on the site under the Contaminated Land Management Act (1997).

A land title search was undertaken by Advanced Legal Searches Pty Ltd. A summary of the search is presented in Table 1. The detailed results of the title search are presented in the attachments.

Table 1: Summary of Lana liftle Search			
Lot / DP	Year	Owner / Occupation / Site usage	
	Prior – 1937	Crown Land	
	1937 – 1940	Robert Bell McFadyen, grantee	
Portion 456 Parish South Bellingen – Area 185 Acres 2 Roods – CTVol 4854 Fol 118	1940 – 1941	Sarah Alice Napier, wife of Henry Napier, engineer Elizabeth Winifred Donaldson, wife of Allen Donaldson, farmer Emily Margaret Bradley, wife of Walter Geddes Bradley, clergyman	
	1941 – 1948	Albert Hay, farmer	
	1948 – 1950	William Horace Johnson, farmer	
	1950 – 1962	William Patrick Casey, banana farmer	
	1962 – 1990	Carl Joseph Foster, service station proprietor	
	1990 – 2015	Carl Joseph Foster, service station proprietor	
Lot 456 DP 755557	2015 – 2017	Aileen June Foster	
	2017 – to present	Stephen Paul Smith	

Table 1: Summary of Land Title Search
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Aerial photography of the site has been reviewed. Historical photographs have been sourced from the NSW Government Land and Property Information and from online sources including Google Earth. The purpose of this review was to assist in the identification of past land use activities that may contribute to site contamination. A summary of the observations is provided in Table 2.

Photograph	Photograph Extract	Observations of Site	Observations of Surrounding
(Source)		Conditions	Areas
1964		Site is undeveloped. Dense vegetation with some cleared areas	Prior to the construction of Endeavour Drive, surrounding area is vacant.

#### Table 2: Summary of Aerial Photograph Observations











Based on the above, it can be concluded that the site has been undeveloped since at least 1964. Major developments in the surrounding area includes the construction of Endeavour Drive and associated subdivision.

Based on the land title search a portion of the original lot has been used for banana cultivation, this was prior to the development of Lot 456 DP 755557. Cross referencing with the historical photographs this portion is to the west of the western boundary of Lot 456 DP 755557. It appears there was an access road from the farming area that cuts through Lot 456 DP 755557, however, there is no evidence to suggest the site was ever occupied by packing sheds or used for any other farming operations.

The site has been densely vegetated since at least 1964 as such it is considered unlikely that the land has ever been used for farming or grazing purposes.

# 3.2 Areas of Environmental Concern and Chemicals of Concern

Based on the desktop assessment no Areas of Environmental Concern have been identified. The only development identified within the site was the construction of a dirt road, which appears to have been constructed in recent years. the road is on grade and appears to have been constructed by cut/fill earthworks and rip and recompaction of existing natural subgrade.

# 5 CONCLUSIONS

The assessment indicates the site has been vacant and densely vegetated from at least 1964 until the present day.

The desktop assessment has identified no areas of environmental concern. Further site assessment work is not considered necessary from a site contamination perspective.

Based on the assessment presented herein development of the site is not considered to be constrained by past land use activities that may have resulted in site contamination.

For advice regarding the geotechnical aspects of the site refer to RGS32154.1 - AB.

# **6 LIMITATIONS**

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Contaminated site investigations are based on data collection, judgment, experience, and opinion. By nature, these investigations are less exact than other engineering disciplines. The findings presented in this report and used as the basis for the recommendations presented herein were obtained using normal, industry accepted practises and standards. To our knowledge, they



represent a reasonable interpretation of the general condition of the site. Under no circumstances, however, can it be considered that these findings represent the actual state of the site at all points.

Recommendations regarding ground conditions referred to in this report are estimates based on the information available at the time of its writing. Estimates are influenced and limited by the fieldwork method and testing carried out in the site investigation, and other relevant information as has been made available. In cases where information has been provided to Regional Geotechnical Solutions for the purposes of preparing this report it has been assumed that the information is accurate and appropriate for such use. No responsibility is accepted by Regional Geotechnical Solutions for inaccuracies within any data supplied by others.

If site conditions encountered during construction vary significantly from those discussed in this report, Regional Geotechnical Solutions Pty Ltd should be contacted for further advice.

This report alone should not be used by contractors as the basis for preparation of tender documents or project estimates. Contractors using this report as a basis for preparation of tender documents should avail themselves of all relevant background information regarding the site before deciding on selection of construction materials and equipment.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this or any other project, or require any additional consultations.

For and on behalf of **Regional Geotechnical Solutions Pty Ltd** 

Prepared by

Reviewed by

Louis Davidson Geotechnical Engineer

**Attachments:** Attachment A – Site History Results

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Adam Holzhauser Associate Geotechnical Engineer



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LOT 456 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 755557 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BELLINGEN PARISH OF SOUTH BELLINGEN COUNTY OF RALEIGH (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PORTION 456) TITLE DIAGRAM CROWN PLAN 2226.1714

FIRST SCHEDULE

STEPHEN PAUL SMITH

(T AM186329)

SECOND SCHEDULE (2 NOTIFICATIONS)

- 1 LAND EXCLUDES MINERALS AND IS SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN FAVOUR OF THE CROWN - SEE CROWN GRANT(S)
- 2 AN140528 MORTGAGE TO WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

NOTATIONS

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