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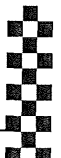
Re: Offer of *De Minimis* Settlement at the Alternate Energy Resources, Inc. Superfund Site in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

Dear [REDACTED]:

On September 13, 2010, EPA sent to your company a letter regarding an Offer of *De Minimis* Settlement at the Alternate Energy Resources, Inc. (AER) Superfund Site in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia (Site). In that letter, EPA informed your company that it has been identified as a potentially responsible party (PRP) for the hazardous contamination found at the Site and that it may qualify for a *de minimis* party settlement for the Site to resolve its potential liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law. In the letter, EPA invited your company to attend a meeting on October 20, 2010, about the proposed settlement offer. At that meeting, EPA asked the parties to select one representative to act on behalf of all the *de minimis* PRPs so that EPA may coordinate settlement efforts with that one representative. In addition, EPA sent your company a follow-up status letter on December 13, 2010, explaining that, during the meeting on October 20, 2010, the *de minimis* PRPs selected attorney Barbara Gallo to represent the group.

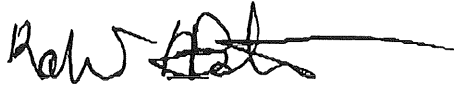
EPA understands that many parties were unable to attend the meeting but still may be interested in participating in the *de minimis* settlement with the Agency. Should your company wish to participate in the upcoming *de minimis* settlement with EPA, **please contact Barbara Gallo by email at gallo@khlawfirm.com by May 10, 2011, to join the *de minimis* PRP group.** In an effort to promote efficiency and to preserve resources, EPA would like to enter into one settlement with all of the *de minimis* parties for the Site.

Numerous parties have contacted Ms. Gallo in order to participate in the *de minimis* settlement. Your company is receiving this letter because it has not joined the *de minimis* PRP group. **EPA has finalized the cost matrix and posted it online at www.epa.gov/region4/waste/npl/nplga/alterga.htm#documents.** Please note that the finalized cost matrix now includes State costs. Negotiations for a global Consent Decree between EPA, the State of Georgia, the work parties, and the *de minimis* parties are ongoing. In order to receive the benefits of this proposed settlement, EPA asks that you please join the *de minimis* PRP group in order to negotiate and execute a final settlement with the Agency.



We thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kavita K. Batra', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kavita K. Batra
Associate Regional Counsel
Office of Environmental Accountability

cc: Barbara Gallo, Krevolin & Horst, LLC
Chet Tisdale, King & Spalding