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July 1, 2011

Wanda I. Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region 1 5 Post Office Square Suite 100 (Mail Code ORA 18-1) Boston, MA 02109

Re:

In re: Atlas Property Management, Inc. et al

TSCA-01-2011-0026

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Enclosed please find Answer of Respondent Archgate Properties, LLC and Request for Hearing with reference to the above-entitled matter. Please file same.

Very truly yours,

Mark Lichtenstein

ML/nb Enclosure

cc: Hugh W. Martinez, Esquire Carl W. Lindley, Jr. Esquire Archgate Townhouses, LLC

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1

IN THE MATTER OF:

ATLAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.

and

224-224A WASHINGTON STREET NOMINEE

REALTY TRUST, ILYA M. SHNAYDER, TRUSTEE

and

ARCHGATE TOWNHOUSES, LLC

Respondents

Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the Toxic

Substance Control Act, 42 U.S.C. §2615(a)

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ANSWER OF RESPONDENT ARCHGATE TOWNHOUSES, LLC AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

I. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

Paragraph 1 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.
 To the extent a response is deemed necessary the Respondent Archgate Townhouses,
 LLC ("Archgate") has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.

II. NATURE OF THE ACTION

2. Paragraph 2 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary. To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.

III. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY BACKGROUND

- 3. Paragraph 3 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary. To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.
- 4. Paragraph 4 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.
 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.
- 5. Paragraph 5 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.

 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.
- 6. Paragraph 6 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.

 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.
- 7. Paragraph 7 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.

 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.
- 8. Paragraph 8 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.
 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.

9. Paragraph 9 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.
To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.

IV. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 10. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 11. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 12. Archgate admits all allegations except it denies that any violations occurred.
- 13. Archgate admits it offered for lease apartments through its managing agent Atlas Property Management, Inc. ("Atlas"), but denies it was a "lessor" as defined in 40 C.F.R. §745.103.
- 14. Archgate admits it offered for lease through Atlas an apartment at 758
 Westfield Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts; as to all other allegations it has no knowledge.
 - 15. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
 - 16. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
 - 17. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
 - 18. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.

V. <u>VIOLATIONS</u>

19. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.

FIRST COUNT Failure to provide Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet

- 20. Archgate realleges its answers to paragraph 1-19.
- 21. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 22. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 23. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 24. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 25. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 26. Archgate denies the allegations.

SECOND COUNT

Failure to Disclose Known Lead-Based Paint/Hazard and Provide Records

- 27. Archgate realleges its answers to paragraph 1-26.
- 28. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 29. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 30. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 31. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 32. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 33. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 34. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 35. Archgate denies the allegations.

THIRD COUNT Failure to Include Lead Warning Statement

- 36. Archgate realleges its answers to paragraph 1-35.
- 37. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 38. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 39. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 40. Archgate denies the allegations.

FOURTH COUNT

Failure to Include Disclosure Statement Regarding Lead-Based Paint/Hazard

- 41. Archgate realleges its answers to paragraph 1-40.
- 42. Archgate is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations.
- 43. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 44. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 45. As this paragraph does not relate to Archgate, no response is required.
- 46. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 47. Archgate denies the allegations.

VI. PROPOSED PENALTY

- 48. Paragraph 48 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.

 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.
- 49. Paragraph 49 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary.

 To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.

50. Paragraph 50 is an introductory paragraph and therefore no response is necessary. To the extent a response is deemed necessary Archgate has no knowledge of the truth of the allegations.

- 51. Archgate denies the allegations.
- 52. No answer is required.
- 53. No answer is required.

VII. OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING AND FILE ANSWER

54. No answer is required other than Archgate requests a hearing on all material facts.

VIII. <u>DEFAULT ORDER</u>

55. No answer is required.

IX. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

- 56. No answer is required.
- 57. No answer is required.

Archgate Townhouses, LLC

By its attorney,

Dated: July _____, 2011

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 1, 2011 the foregoing Answer of Respondent Archgate Townhouses, LLC and Request for Hearing has been served upon the following by first class mail:

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