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U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7
11201 RENNER BOULEVARD
LENEXA, KANSAS

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
THE ASKINS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC	)	**Docket No.** TSCA-07-2019-0280
	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

DECLARATION OF MILADY PETERS

I, Milady Peters, hereby declare that:

1. I am currently employed as a Paralegal Specialist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 ("EPA Region 7") in the Office of Regional Counsel.

2. One of my duties as a Paralegal Specialist is mailing documents.

3. In the course of my employment, I have mailed numerous documents by certified mail with return receipt requested and am very familiar with the process.

4. On September 30, 2019, I mailed the following in the above captioned matter to Respondent's designated registered agent, by U.S. Postal Service ("USPS") certified mail with return receipt requested:

   a. the Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing;

   b. a copy of 40 C.F.R. Part 22;

   c. a copy of the Consolidated Enforcement Response Penalty Policy for the Pre-Renovation Education Rule; Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule; Lead Based Pain Activities Rule; and

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d. the Transmittal letter.[1]

5. I signed and dated the Certificate of Service attached to the Complaint, which affirmed that I sent the Complaint to Respondent's registered agent by certified mail with return receipt requested. The statement I signed in the Certificate of Service was correct on September 30, 2019 and remains correct to present.

6. The following describes how I prepared the Complaint for mailing:

a. I obtained a USPS Form 3800 ("Certified Mail Receipt") to begin the process of preparing the envelope.

b. The Certified Mail Receipt consists of two parts, separated by a perforation. The right portion is the Certified Mail receipt itself. The left portion of the Certified Mail Receipt is a Certified Mail sticker.

c. The Certified Mail Receipt bore the article number 7014 1200 0000 6118 7303. The Certified Mail sticker bore the same article number as the Certified Mail Receipt (7014 1200 0000 6118 7303), in two locations. The first location is fixed to the Certified Mail sticker. The second location is a sticker in and of itself which bears the same article number ("article number sticker"), which can be removed to be affixed to the PS Form 3811 ("return receipt / green card") as described below. The right portion of the Certified Mail Receipt is the actual receipt that is retained by the sender.

d. I typed in the correct address for Respondent's registered agent on the Certified Mail Receipt.

e. I then removed and affixed the Certified Mail sticker to the front of the envelope

[1] The documents identified in Paragraphs 4a.-d. are collectively referred to as the Complaint.

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which was also correctly addressed to Respondent's registered agent.

f. After applying the Certified Mail sticker to the front of the envelope, I retained the Certified Mail Receipt.

g. I obtained a PS Form 3811 return receipt / green card and typed in the correct address for Respondent's registered agent.

h. I transferred the article number sticker from the Certified Mail sticker and affixed it to the return receipt / green card in the proper location.

i. I typed the correct address for the EPA attorney assigned to the case, Britt Bieri, on the reverse side of the return receipt / green card.

j. I affixed the return receipt / green card to the back of the envelope.

k. I placed the Complaint and all attachments in the envelope and sealed it.

l. I delivered the envelope to the EPA Region 7 mailroom.

7. The Transmittal letter, the front of the envelope containing the Complaint, the return receipt / green card, and the Certified Mail Receipt all bore the same article number 7014 1200 0000 6118 7303.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 3/25/2021

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