

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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April 2, 2025 11:42 am
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Helen Ferrara
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway, 17th floor
New York, New York 10007-1866
By Email at ferrara.helen@epa.gov

Re: Motion for Default in A&I Developers, Inc., Docket No. TSCA-02-2018-9289

Honorable Helen Ferrara:

As it has recently come to the undersigned's attention that some documents associated with proof of mailing and delivery of the Complainant's Motion for Default had not been uploaded to the official record for this matter in the E-Docket, this notice is sent to confirm that Complainant's Motion for Default in the above-referenced proceeding has been properly served on the Respondent and the documents successfully uploaded as of March 27, 2025. Document associated with the service of process are also provided as attachments to this notice for your convenience.

On June 26, 2024, EPA, Region 2 filed and served a Motion for Default in this civil administrative matter against Respondent, A&I Developers, Inc. Copies of the Motion for Order of Default, along with the Memorandum in Support, Declarations and Proposed Default Order were sent by both Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested and Regular Mail to each of the following: Ashad Ajim, A&I Developers, Inc., 265 Sunrise Highway Ste 1-304, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 ("Rockville address") and to Ashad Ajim, Owner, A&I Developers, Inc., at 159-20 115th Road, Jamaica, NY 11434 ("Jamaica address"). The Rockville address, a UPS storefront with mailbox services, is the address listed with the New York Department of State Division of Corporations for service of process on A&I Developers, Inc., and the Jamaica address is owned by Ashad Ajim and is the business address. See Attachment 4 and Exhibit 13, Memo of Law in support of Complainant's Motion for Default. Additionally, PDF versions of Complainant's Motion for Default, along with the supporting documents, were electronically sent to ajimprobuilders@yahoo.com, the email address included in A&I Developer's response to EPA's information request letter. See Exhibit 12, Memo of Law in support of Complainant's Motion for Default. There was no error report returned from the email address.

For the certified mail package sent to Respondent's Rockville address, the certified mail receipt ("green card") for this mailing was returned to EPA signed (with an illegible signature) and postmarked June 28, 2024. (Attachment 1) Both the certified mail and first-class mail packages were later returned to EPA in September 2024. Notwithstanding the later return of these packages, proper service pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, of the Motion for Default to this address was effected when the green card was signed. *See* e.g., *In the Matter of Herman Roberts*, 2000 EPA RJO Lexis 211, 214 (RJO April 14, 2000), "service of the

Complaint [was] achieved in accordance with 40 CFR § 22.5(b)(I)(i)" where the recipient was not the addressee but rather "someone associated with Respondent's business [who] had to go to the post office and sign for the envelope containing the complaint ... "; see also, In the Matter of C.W. Smith, Docket No. CWA-04-2001-1501, 2002 ALJ Lexis 7 (ALJ Order on Motions, February 6, 2002), citing Herman Roberts for the proposition that a person who signs a certified mail green card and picks up mail at a respondent's post office box is authorized to receive service of process under the Consolidated Rules of Practice.

For the certified mail package sent to Respondent's Jamaica address, EPA received back a return receipt green card, but the green card was not signed. (Attachment 2) A United States Postal Service (USPS) notice indicates delivery of the certified mail package was made to the Jamaica address on June 28, 2024. (Attachment 3) The certified package sent to this address was not returned to EPA. In addition, the package sent by regular first-class mail was not returned to EPA. A presumption of delivery to the addressee is established with the proper address and mailing of documents. See In the Matter of Tifa Limited, 1999 EPA ALJ Lexis 55 (July 7, 1999), aff'd 2000 EPA App Lexis 17 (EAB, June 5, 2000). The Certificate of Service attests to the mailing of the package by first class mail. See Complainant's Motion for Default.

As noted above, copies of the aforementioned attachments had been previously provided to the Regional Hearing Clerk but were only recently confirmed as having been uploaded to the record for this matter. For these reasons, Complainant's counsel respectfully contends that proper service of the Motion for Default has occurred and submits this confirmation that the record showing proper service is complete.

Respectfully,

Karen L. Taylor, Esq.
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Attachments

cc: by both Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested and Regular Mail to: Mr. Ashad Ajim
A&I Developers, Inc.
159-20 115th Road
Jamaica, NY 11434

Mr. Ashad Ajim A&I Developers, Inc. 265 Sunrise Highway Ste 1-304 Rockville Centre, NY 11570

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing letter confirming service, bearing docket number TSCA-02-2018-9289, was sent this day in the following manner to the addresses listed below:

Copy by Email to the Regional Hearing Clerk

Karen Maples
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
maples.karen@epa.gov

Copy by both Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested and Regular Mail to:

Mr. Ashad Ajim A&I Developers, Inc. 159-20 115th Road Jamaica, NY 11434

Mr. Ashad Ajim A&I Developers, Inc. 265 Sunrise Highway Ste 1-304 Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Signed and Dated:

Office of Regional Counsel
Waste & Toxic Substances Branch

Rockville Address Green Card

USPS TRACKING# First-Class Mail Postage & Fees Paid USPS Permit No. G-10 9590 9402 5531 9249 4796 20 Sender: Please print your name, address, and ZIP+4® in this box **United States Postal Service** SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY Complete items 1, 2, and 3. A. Signature ☐ Agent Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. ☐ Addressee C. Date of Delivery B. Received by (Printed Name) Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 1. Article Addressed to: If YES, enter delivery address below: 3. Service Type ☐ Priority Mail Express®
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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

Domestic Return Receipt

Jamaica Address Green Card

USPS TRACKING#

First-Class Mail Postage & Fees Paid USPS Permit No. G-10

United States Postal Service

Sender: Please print your name, address, and ZIP+4[®] in this box

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US Postal Service Tracking for Jamaica Address

USPS Tracking[®]

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Tracking Number:

70181830000096399390

Copy Add to Informed Delivery (https://informeddelivery.usps.com/)

Latest Update

Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 10:40 am on June 28, 2024 in JAMAICA, NY 11434.

Get More Out of USPS Tracking:

USPS Tracking Plus®

Delivered

Delivered, Left with Individual

JAMAICA, NY 11434 June 28, 2024, 10:40 am

Arrived at USPS Regional Facility

BROOKLYN NY DISTRIBUTION CENTER June 27, 2024, 11:32 am

Arrived at USPS Regional Facility

NEW YORK NY DISTRIBUTION CENTER June 26, 2024, 9:34 pm

USPS in possession of item

NEW YORK, NY 10278 June 26, 2024, 12:27 pm

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What Do USPS Tracking Statuses Mean? (https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Where-is-my-package)

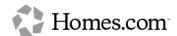
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FAQs

Jamaica address





NOT LISTED FOR SALE





15920 115th Rd

Jamaica, NY 11434 South Jamaica Neighborhood

Estimated Value: **\$743,442 - \$912,000**

-- Bed -- Bath **1,700** Sq Ft **\$473/Sq Ft** Est. Value

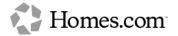
Estimated Value

\$743,442 - \$912,000

See Similar Homes for Sale

About This Home

This home is located at 15920 115th Rd, Jamaica, NY 11434 and is currently estimated at \$803,861, approximately \$472 per square foot. 15920 115th Rd is a home located in Queens County with nearby schools including P.S. 140 -



Ownership History

Date	Name	Owned For	Owner Type		
Apr 2003 -	Ajim Ashad	21 Years and	Private		
Present		11 Months	Individual		

Estimated

Property

Value

Range of

Values:

\$743,442 -

\$912,000Based on



5 Year

\$519K

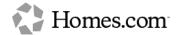
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10 Year

<u>First</u> \$806,000 <u>American</u>

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Average \$803,861 Value



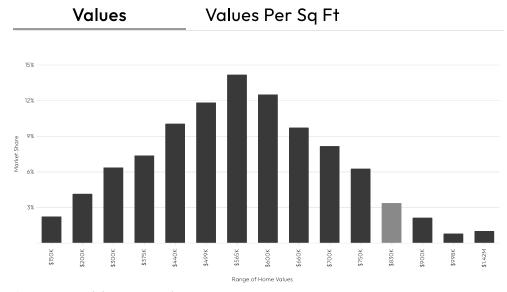


Create a Home Valuation Report for This Property

The Home Valuation Report is an in-depth analysis detailing your home's value as well as a comparison with similar homes in the area

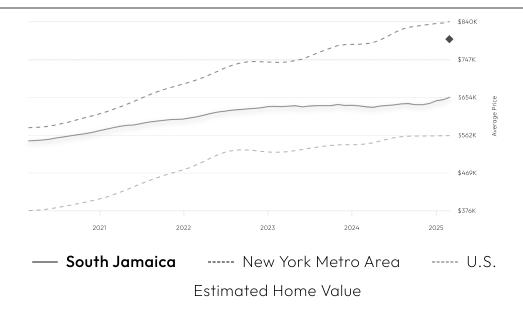
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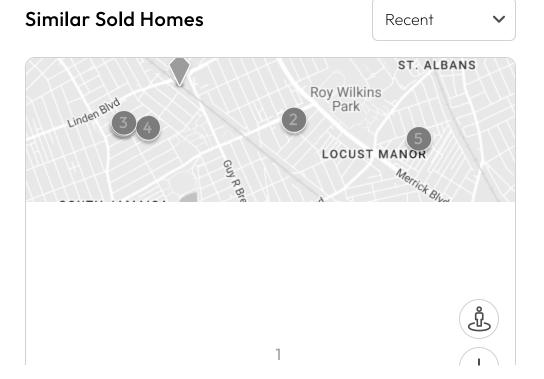


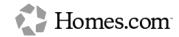
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Average Home Value in this Area



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2 SOLD MAR 26, 2

Multifamily 167-52 118th... 43 Days On...



3 SOLD MAR 22, 2

House 3 Beds... 150-38 115th Rd... 158 Days On...





2 <u>Similar Sold Homes in Jamaica</u>

Purchase History

Date	Buyer	Sale Price	Title Company		
<u>Apr '03</u>	Ajim Ashad	\$265,000			

Source: Public Records

Mortgage History

Date	Status	Borrower	Loan Amount			
<u>Feb '18</u>	Open	Ajim Ashad	\$232,815			



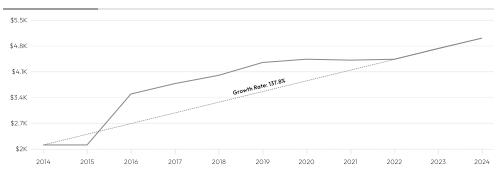


Date Status		Borrower	Loan Amount		
<u>Apr '03</u>	Previous Owner	Ajim Ashad	\$212,000		

Source: Public Records

Tax History Compared to Growth

Tax History Assessment History



Source: Public Records

Tax History

Year	Tax Paid	Tax Assessme	l © nd nt	Improvement		
2024	\$5,008	\$24,936	\$6,850	\$18,086		
2023	\$4,728	\$23,538	\$6,989	\$16,549		
2022	\$4,434	\$45,120	\$14,520	\$30,600		

New York City Department of Finance

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