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Dear Ms. Sul:

Enclosed is **Environment Act Licence No. 2903** dated October 8, 2009 issued in accordance with The Environment Act to the **R.M. of Alonsa** for the construction and operation of the Development being a wastewater treatment lagoon located in the southeast quarter of Section 20-22-11 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Alonsa with discharge of treated wastewater effluent into a second order drain which flows into Reedy Creek which drains into Ebb and Flow Lake and into Lake Manitoba, in accordance with the Proposal filed under The Environment Act on April 3, 2009 and subsequent information provided on July 13, 2009.

In addition to the enclosed Licence requirements, please be informed that all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws must be complied with.

For further information on the administration and application of the Licence, please feel free to contact Jennifer Winsor, Environmental Engineer at (204) 945-7012.

Yours truly,

Tracey Braun, M. Sc.  
Director  
Environment Act

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c: Don Labossiere, Director, Environmental Operations  
Jason Bunn, Genivar  
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**NOTE:** Confirmation of Receipt of this Licence No. 2903 (*by the Licencee only*) is required by the Director of Environmental Assessment and Licensing. Please acknowledge receipt by signing in the space provided below and faxing a copy (letter only) to the Department by October 23, 2009.

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On behalf of the R.M. of Alonsa

Date

# LICENCE

Licence No. / Licence n° 2903

Issue Date / Date de délivrance October 8, 2009

In accordance with The Environment Act (C.C.S.M. c. E125) /  
Conformément à la Loi sur l'environnement (C.P.L.M. c. E125)

Pursuant to Section 11(1) / Conformément au Paragraphe 11(1)

**THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED TO : / CETTE LICENCE EST DONNÉE À :**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA: "the Licencee"**

for the construction and operation of the Development being a wastewater treatment lagoon located in the southeast quarter of Section 20-22-11 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Alonsa with discharge of treated wastewater effluent into a second order drain which flows into Reedy Creek which drains into Ebb and Flow Lake and into Lake Manitoba, in accordance with the Proposal filed under The Environment Act on April 3, 2009 and subsequent information provided on July 13, 2009 and subject to the following specifications, limits, terms and conditions:

**DEFINITIONS**

In this Licence,

"**access road**" means a road that leads from a Provincial Trunk/Highway, Provincial Road, or a municipal road;

"**accredited laboratory**" means an analytical facility accredited by the Standard Council of Canada (SCC), or accredited by another accrediting agency recognized by Manitoba Conservation to be equivalent to the SCC, or be able to demonstrate, upon request, that it has the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures in place equivalent to accreditation based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025, or otherwise approved by the Director;

"**approved**" means approved by the Director in writing;

"**as constructed drawings**" means engineering drawings complete with all dimensions which indicate all features of the Development as it has actually been built;

"**ASAE**" means American Society of Agricultural Engineers;

"**ASTM**" means the American Society for Testing and Materials;

**"base"** means the exposed and finished elevation of the bottom of any cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon;

**"Director"** means an employee so designated pursuant to The Environment Act;

**"effluent"** means treated wastewater flowing or pumped out of the wastewater treatment lagoon;

**"Environment Officer"** means an employee so appointed pursuant to The Environment Act;

**"fecal coliform"** means aerobic and facultative, Gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped bacteria capable of growth at 44.5° C, and associated with fecal matter of warm-blooded animals;

**"five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>)"** means that part of the oxygen demand usually associated with biochemical oxidation of organic matter within five days at a temperature of 20° C;

**"flooding"** means the flowing of water onto lands, other than waterways, due to the overtopping of a waterway or waterways;

**"grab sample"** means a quantity of wastewater taken at a given place and time;

**"high water mark"** means the line on the interior surface of the primary and secondary cells which is normally reached when the cell is at the maximum allowable liquid level;

**"hydraulic conductivity"** means the quantity of water that will flow through a unit cross-sectional area of a porous material per unit of time under a hydraulic gradient of 1.0;

**"influent"** means water, wastewater, or other liquid flowing into a wastewater treatment facility;

**"in-situ"** means on the site;

**"low water mark"** means the line on the interior surface of the primary and secondary cells which is normally reached when the cell is discharged;

**"mil"** means one-thousandth of an inch;

**"MPN Index"** means the most probable number of coliform organisms in a given volume of wastewater which, in accordance with statistical theory, would yield the observed test result with the greatest frequency;

**"primary cell"** means the first in a series of cells of the wastewater treatment lagoon system and which is the cell that receives the untreated wastewater;

"**PVC**" means polyvinyl chloride;

"**riprap**" means small, broken stones or boulders placed compactly or irregularly on dykes or similar embankments for protection of earth surfaces against wave action or current;

"**secondary cell**" means a cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon system which is the cell that receives partially treated wastewater from the primary cell;

"**septage**" means the sludge produced in individual on-site wastewater disposal systems such as septic tanks;

"**sewage**" means household and commercial wastewater that contains human waste;

"**sludge solids**" means solids in sludge;

"**sludge**" means accumulated solid material containing large amounts of entrained water, which has separated from wastewater during processing;

"**Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater**" means the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Waterworks Association and the Water Environment Association;

"**total coliform**" means a group of aerobic and facultative anaerobic, Gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped bacteria, that ferment lactose with gas and acid formation within 48 hours at 35° C, and inhabit predominantly the intestines of man or animals, but are occasionally found elsewhere and include the sub-group of fecal coliform bacteria;

"**wastewater**" means the spent or used water of a community or industry which contains dissolved and suspended matter;

"**wastewater treatment lagoon**" means the component of this development which consists of an impoundment into which wastewater is discharged for storage and treatment by natural oxidation.

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This Section of the Licence contains requirements intended to provide guidance to the Licencee in implementing practices to ensure that the environment is maintained in such a manner as to sustain a high quality of life, including social and economic development, recreation and leisure for present and future Manitobans.

1. The Licencee shall direct all wastewater generated within the Rural Municipality of Alonsa and surrounding area to the wastewater treatment lagoon or other approved wastewater treatment facility.

2. In addition to any of the limits, terms and conditions specified in this Licence, the Licencee shall, upon the request of the Director:
  - a) sample, monitor, analyze and/or investigate specific areas of concern regarding any segment, component or aspect of pollutant storage, containment, treatment, handling, disposal or emission systems, for such pollutants or ambient quality, aquatic toxicity, leachate characteristics and discharge or emission rates, for such duration and at such frequencies as may be specified;
  - b) determine the environmental impact associated with the release of any pollutant(s) from the Development; or
  - c) provide the Director, within such time as may be specified, with such reports, drawings, specifications, analytical data, descriptions of sampling and analytical procedures being used, bioassay data, flow rate measurements and such other information as may from time to time be requested.
  
3. The Licencee shall, unless otherwise specified in this Licence:
  - a) carry out all preservations and analyses on liquid samples in accordance with the methods prescribed in "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" or in accordance with an equivalent analytical methodology approved by the Director;
  - b) have all analytical determinations undertaken by an accredited laboratory; and
  - c) report the results to the Director, in writing or in a format acceptable to the Director, within 60 days of the samples being taken.
  
4. The Licencee shall, in case of physical or mechanical breakdown of the wastewater collection and/or treatment system:
  - a) notify the Director immediately;
  - b) identify the repairs required to the wastewater collection and/or treatment system;
  - c) undertake all repairs to minimize unauthorized discharges of wastewater; and
  - d) complete the repairs in accordance with any written instructions of the Director.
  
5. The Licencee shall ensure that, during construction and operation of the Development, spills of fuels or other contaminants are reported to an Environment Officer in accordance with the requirements of *Manitoba Regulation 439/87* respecting *Environmental Accident Reporting*.
  
6. The Licencee shall, during construction and operation of the Development:
  - a) immediately report any reportable spills to Manitoba Conservation's Accident Reporting Line at (204) 944-4888; and
  - b) provide a follow-up report to the Director on a reportable environmental accident outlining the cause(s) and proposing corrective action to prevent reoccurrence.

7. The Licencee shall ensure that the operation of the Development is carried out by individuals properly trained and qualified to do so.
8. The Licencee shall submit all information required to be provided to the Director under this Licence, in writing, in such form (including number of copies), and of such content as may be required by the Director.

### **SPECIFICATIONS, LIMITS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

9. The Licencee shall notify the assigned Environment Officer not less than two weeks prior to beginning construction of the Development. The notification shall include the intended starting date of construction, the name of the contractor responsible for the construction and the name of the on-site contact person.
10. The Licencee shall install and maintain a fence around the wastewater treatment lagoon to limit access. The fence shall be a minimum of 1.2 meters high and have a locking gate, which shall be locked at all times except to allow access to the wastewater treatment lagoon.
11. The Licencee shall construct and effectively maintain an all-weather access road to the wastewater treatment lagoon.
12. The Licencee shall construct a truck dumping station for truck hauled wastewater. The truck dumping facility shall have a surface splash ramp with a smooth hard surface that can be easily washed free of solids.
13. The Licencee shall operate and maintain the wastewater treatment lagoon in such a manner that:
  - a) the release of offensive odours is minimized;
  - b) the organic loading on the primary cell, as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand, is not in excess of 56 kilograms per hectare per day;
  - c) the depth of liquid in the primary cell or secondary cells does not exceed 1.5 metres; and
  - d) a 1.0 metre freeboard is maintained in primary and secondary cells at all times.
14. The Licencee shall, prior to the construction of the wastewater treatment lagoon:
  - a) remove all organic topsoil from the area where the dykes will be constructed;
  - or
  - b) remove all organic material for a depth of 0.3 metres and a width of 3.0 metres from the area where the cut-off will be constructed.
15. The Licencee shall construct and maintain a continuous liner, including cover material, underlying the wastewater treatment lagoon, such that:

- a) the liner is constructed from polyvinyl chloride geomembrane (PVC) that has been manufactured in accordance with ASTM Standard D 7176-06;
  - b) the liner has a minimum thickness of 30 mils;
  - c) the liner is installed in accordance with ASAE Standard EP340.2 for the Installation of Flexible Membrane Linings;
  - d) the liner shall be installed to a minimum elevation of 2.5 metres above the base of both the primary and secondary cells;
  - e) the liner is free of holes and has a hydraulic conductivity not exceeding  $3.0 \times 10^{-9}$  centimetres per second over the entire surface area of the liner;
  - f) the liner is tested for the integrity of all field seams by the air lance or ultrasonic pulse echo test method, in accordance with ASTM Standard D 4437-99, and a testing report is prepared and submitted to the Director for approval; and
  - g) the liner shall be covered with sand or other granular cover material to a minimum depth of 0.3 metre measured perpendicular to the surface of the liner.
16. The Licencee shall construct and maintain an effective gas relief system under the primary and secondary cells of the liner of the wastewater treatment lagoon.
  17. The Licencee shall notify the Director two weeks prior to commencing the installation of the liner and the gas relief system.
  18. The Licencee shall not cover the PVC liner or use the wastewater treatment lagoon until receiving the approval of the Director of the report submitted pursuant to sub-Clause 15 f) of this Licence.
  19. The Licencee shall complete the installation of the synthetic liner at the wastewater treatment lagoon between the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October of any year.
  20. The Licencee shall take action to maintain the soil and PVC liners of the wastewater treatment lagoon. If any portion or portions of the liners become displaced from its design position, the Licencee shall immediately report the displacement(s) to the Director and take any measures required by the Director to restore the liner(s) to its design position and state.
  21. The Licencee shall not discharge or permit the discharge of septage into the wastewater treatment lagoon between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November of any year and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June the following year.
  22. The Licencee shall not discharge effluent from the wastewater treatment lagoon:
    - a) where the organic content of the effluent, as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand ( $BOD_5$ ), is in excess of 25 milligrams per litre;

- b) where the fecal coliform content of the effluent, as indicated by the MPN index, is in excess of 200 per 100 millilitres of sample;
  - c) where the total coliform content of the effluent, as indicated by the MPN index, is in excess of 1500 per 100 millilitres of sample;
  - d) between the 1st day of November of any year and the 15th day of June of the following year; or
  - e) when such a discharge would cause or contribute to flooding in or along the effluent drainage route.
23. The Licencee shall discharge the wastewater treatment lagoon over a two-week period, while accelerating discharge as necessary to maintain normal operation of the wastewater treatment lagoon, such that increased nutrient uptake from the wastewater effluent may occur along the discharge route.
24. The Licencee shall ensure that if, in the opinion of the Director, significant erosion of the interior surfaces of the dykes occurs, rip rap shall be placed on the interior dyke surfaces from 0.6 metres above the high water mark to at least 0.6 metres below the low water mark to protect the dykes from wave action.
25. The Licencee shall provide and maintain a grass cover on the dykes of the wastewater treatment lagoon and shall regulate the growth of the vegetation so that the height of the vegetation does not exceed 0.3 metres on all dykes.
26. The Licencee shall annually remove by mechanical methods all reeds, rushes and trees located above the low water mark in every cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon, while ensuring the integrity of the PVC geomembrane liner is maintained at all times.
27. The Licencee shall implement an ongoing program to ensure that burrowing animals are removed from the site of the wastewater treatment lagoon.

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

28. The Licencee shall prior to each effluent discharge, obtain grab samples of the treated wastewater and have them analyzed for:
- a) organic content as indicated by the five day biochemical oxygen demand and expressed as milligrams per litre;
  - b) fecal coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres of sample;
  - c) total coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres of sample; and
  - d) the total phosphorus content and expressed as milligrams per litre.




29. The Licencee shall:
- a) during each year maintain records of:
    - i) wastewater sample dates;
    - ii) original copies of laboratory analytical results of the sampled wastewater; and
    - iii) effluent discharge dates;
  - b) make the records being maintained pursuant to sub-Clause 29 a) of this Licence available to an Environment Officer upon request; and
  - c) keep the maintained records of any one calendar year available for inspection for a period of three years following the respective calendar year in which they were recorded.
30. The Licencee shall:
- a) undertake a geological and groundwater investigation of the local area to evaluate the need for a groundwater monitoring network to be installed at the site;
  - b) prepare a detailed report of the investigation conducted and resulting recommendations;
  - c) submit the report to the Director for approval, within one year of the date of this Licence; and
  - d) implement the report recommendations as approved by the Director.
31. The Licencee shall, prior to construction and, if the Director determines it to be necessary, during construction, have the construction site inspected, incorporating the requirements of *The Endangered Species Act* and *The Migratory Birds Convention Act*, by a specialist practicing within their stated area of expertise to determine if any endangered vegetation species or nesting bird species may be impacted.
32. The Licencee shall submit to the Director and to the Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch, Manitoba Conservation, at least two weeks prior to construction of the Development, a report prepared by a specialist practicing within their stated area of expertise, regarding the results of the site inspections identified in Clause 31 of this Licence.
33. The Licencee shall, if species of concern are present, obtain written direction from the Biodiversity Conservation Section of the Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch, Manitoba Conservation, prior to commencing construction activities that would impact those species.
34. The Licencee shall actively participate in any future watershed based management study, plan and/or nutrient reduction program, approved by the Director, for the Ebb and Flow Lake and/or associated waterways.
35. The Licencee shall:
- a) prepare "as constructed drawings" for the Development and shall label the drawings "As Constructed"; and

- b) provide to the Director, on or before 1st day of December 2010, two sets of "as constructed drawings" of the wastewater treatment lagoon.

**REVIEW AND REVOCATION**

- A. If, in the opinion of the Director, the Licencee has exceeded or is exceeding or has or is failing to meet the specifications, limits, terms, or conditions set out in this Licence, the Director may, temporarily or permanently, revoke this Licence.
- B. If the Licencee has not commenced construction of the Development within three years of the date of this Licence, the Licence is revoked.
- C. If, in the opinion of the Director, new evidence warrants a change in the specifications, limits, terms or conditions of this Licence, the Director may require the filing of a new proposal pursuant to Section 11 of The Environment Act.

  
**Tracey Braun, M.Sc.**  
**Director**  
**Environment Act**