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File: DGIR 202063/Schnitzer Steel

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Re: Schnitzer Steel Spill Recovery

The purpose of this letter is to provide documentation of the status of spill recovery associated with file DGIR 202063 at the Schnitzer Steel facility in Cassidy, British Columbia. A groundwater sampling plan was requested by the Environmental Emergency Program for the purpose of monitoring potential migration of contaminants from the incident at the Cassidy facility in September 2020.

We have reviewed the final groundwater sampling report and test results and have determined that this groundwater sampling report fulfills requirements as described in Division 2.1, Section 91.2 (2) of British Columbia's *Environmental Management Act*. As such, no further spill response or recovery actions are required from the Environmental Emergency Program for the September 2020 spill.

In collaboration with Island Health, groundwater sampling reports and test results for on and off site wells were also reviewed against the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. It was determined that the chemical results were within the maximum allowable concentrations for health related parameters. Chemical analysis reports from August 2022 appeared to be consistent with historical background concentrations.

As we conclude the follow up for the emergency in 2020, to ensure confidence in operations going forward, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy will maintain regulatory oversight, and Island Health and the Cowichan Valley Regional District staff will provide guidance for monitoring the operations of the site, including re-zoning and

compliance monitoring. To that end, these partners are copied on this letter.

Thank you,

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Island Health