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Reporting Period: March 1 – March 31, 2025

245 West 55th Street
Block 1027, Lot 7
New York, New York
Brownfield Cleanup Program Site # C231157

#### 1.0 Introduction

In accordance with the reporting requirements of the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA) for the above-referenced site, Environmental Logic (EL) prepared this progress report on behalf of 245 WEST 55TH ST LLC, to summarize the work performed at 245 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, New York (the Site) through March 31, 2025. The BCA was executed on February 24, 2024. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) approved the Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) in a letter dated October 11, 2024. NYSDEC also approved a Change of Use notification related to construction activities on March 26, 2025. This progress report includes a summary of activities conducted in accordance with these approvals.

The Site is located in a C6-4/C6-6 Commercial District in Manhattan, approximately 1,000 feet southwest of Central Park. The Site is bordered to the north, east, and west by mixed-use commercial/residential properties, and is bordered to the south by West 55<sup>th</sup> Street and additional mixed-use commercial/residential properties. A Site Location Map is included as **Figure 1**.

The Site was formerly owned and utilized by DuArt Media Services/DuArt Film Labs (DuArt) for cinematographic film cleaning and film processing from approximately 1922 through 2011. Film production including voiceover work, audio recording, and film editing continued to take place at the Site until 2021. A site plan is provided as **Figure 2**.

245 WEST 55TH ST LLC is currently redeveloping the existing 12 story, 6,000 square foot commercial building on Site. Construction activities include the demolition of the existing 12<sup>th</sup> story and bulkhead, construction of an additional six stories to the 11 stories and altering the building for future residential use.

## 2.0 Activities Relative to the Site during the Reporting Period

# SB-8/MW-8 Monitoring Well Installation

As previously reported to NYSDEC, soil boring/monitoring well installation activities and sampling activities for SB-1/MW-1, SB-1D/MW-1D, and SB-3/MW-3 through SB-7/MW-7 were completed between November and December 2024. Soil boring/monitoring well installation activities for SB-



2/MW-2 and subsequent groundwater sampling activities, were completed between January and February 2025.

During a conference call on February 28, 2025, NYSDEC requested an additional monitoring well to be installed off-site in the sidewalk beyond the southwest corner of the property boundary, for completion of the remedial investigation.

On March 28, EL mobilized to the Site with a licensed driller to install SB-8/MW-8. A utility mark out was conducted in the work area prior to the commencement of drilling activities. Based on the available Site plans, this location was assumed to be beyond the area where the basement extends off-site beneath the sidewalk and was the only feasible drilling location due to the positioning of the scaffolding and barricades associated with the building's demolition and renovation.

SB-8/MW-8 was successfully installed in the off-site location in the sidewalk adjacent to the southwestern corner of the Site building. Monitoring well MW-8 was screened from 20 to 30 feet bg (below ground surface). This monitoring will be sampled in April 2025, and general sampling details will be reported in the next monthly progress report for the April 2025 reporting period.

During soil boring installation activities, soils were field screened for evidence of impacts (i.e., staining, odors, or elevated Photoionization Detector (PID) readings) prior to sampling. No evidence of impacts was observed throughout the soil boring. A summary of the RI samples that were collected from the soil boring SB-8 is shown on the table below, along with the required laboratory analysis per the NYSDEC approved RIWP.

Sample Name	Sample Depth	Analysis
SB-8 (5-5.5)	5-5.5 feet	VOCs
SB-8 (7-7.5)	7-7.5 feet	
SB-8 (9-9.5)	9-9.5 feet	
SB-8 (11-11.5)	11-11.5 feet	
SB-8 (13-13.5)	13-13.5 feet	
SB-8 (15-15.5)	15-15.5 feet	
SB-8 (17-17.5)	17-17.5 feet	
SB-8 (19-19.5)	19-19.5 feet	
SB-8 (21-21.5)	21-21.5 feet	
SB-8 (23-23.5)	23-23.5 feet	
SB-8 (4-6)	4-6 feet	1,4-Dioxane, SVOCs, metals (including mercury, trivalent chromium, and hexavalent chromium), PCBs, pesticides, PFAS and cyanide
SB-8 (6-8)	6-8 feet	
SB-8 (8-10)	8-10 feet	
SB-8 (10-12)	10-12 feet	
SB-8 (12-14)	12-14 feet	
SB-8 (14-16)	14-16 feet	
SB-8 (16-18)	16-18 feet	
SB-8 (18-20)	18-20 feet	
SB-8 (20-22)	20-22 feet	
SB-8 (22-24)	22-24 feet	



Additionally, Laboratory Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) samples per the NYSDEC approved RIWP were also collected. The QA/QC samples consisted of a trip blank, field blank, field duplicate, and Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD). EL is currently awaiting results from the laboratory.

The Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP), detailed in Appendix 7 of the NYSDEC approved RIWP, was initiated during the outdoor drilling activities to install SB-8/MW-8. Procedures were conducted in accordance with the NYSDEC approved CAMP. A daily report was submitted following the well installation activities and included air monitoring readings collected during the outdoor intrusive work. Visually observed dust was generated during saw cutting of the sidewalk prior to the start of drilling. An elevated PM reading (751 μg/m³) was observed during the saw-cutting, and this did exceed the action level of 150 μg/m³ above background. Water was subsequently used to suppress the concrete dust. The PM readings were below the action level after completion of the saw-cutting for the remainder of the workday. There were no readings above the 5-ppm total VOC CAMP action level. CAMP activities ceased after drilling and monitoring well development activities were completed for the day.

# Pile Installation and CAMP Oversight

As noted in the previous monthly report for February 2025, EL submitted a Change of Use application seeking approval to proceed with installation of structural support steel pipe piles and caissons to facilitate redevelopment at the Site. EL submitted the Change of Use application on February 6, 2025, and provided additional requested information to NYSDEC on February 28, 2025. On March 26, 2025, NYSDEC sent approval to proceed with these activities, which are currently taking place in the basement of the current Site building.

The structural support pile and caisson installation activities commenced on April 1, 2025. These activities have been and will be further documented in daily reports and in the next monthly report for the April reporting period. As requested by NYSDEC, the CAMP, detailed in Appendix 7 of the NYSDEC approved RIWP, is being implemented during these activities. Air monitoring procedures are being conducted in accordance with the NYSDEC approved CAMP.

## Reporting

The following reports were submitted to NYSDEC during the March 2025 reporting period.

 Daily report to NYSDEC documenting the remedial investigation activities conducted March 28, 2025.



#### 3.0 Activities Anticipated for the Next Reporting Period

Activities anticipated for the next reporting period include the following:

- Groundwater sampling, in accordance with the NYSDEC approved RIWP, for the newly
  installed monitoring well (MW-8). A synoptic round of water level measurements will be
  collected to model groundwater flow with all Site monitoring wells.
- EL is updating the RIR to incorporate the installation of SB-8/MW-8 and the subsequent results of soil and groundwater sampling. EL anticipates submitting a final RIR to NYSDEC and NYSDOH in Late April 2025 or early May 2025.
- EL is preparing a Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) to propose the selected remedial actions for soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. EL anticipates submitting the Draft RAW in Late April 2025 or early May 2025.

# 4.0 Approved Activity Modifications (changes of work, scope and/or schedule)

As noted in the previous monthly report for February 2025, NYSDEC requested an additional boring/monitoring well location to complete the RI activities during a call on February 28, 2025. The new soil boring/monitoring well (SB-8/MW-8) was installed on March 28, 2025.

#### 5.0 Results of Sampling, Testing and Other Relevant Data

The final laboratory analytical results were received for the January 2025 RI soil samples for SB-2 and the February 2025 groundwater samples. These laboratory data packages were submitted to the project data Quality Assurance Officer (QAO) for validation. The results of the January 2025 RI soil samples for SB-2 and the February 2025 groundwater samples are summarized in the attached Figures 3 through 7.

EL is awaiting final laboratory analytical results for the March 2025 RI soil samples for SB-8. This laboratory data package will be submitted to the QAO for validation. The results of the March 2025 RI soil samples will be included in the next monthly report after data validation is complete.

A revised Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) will be submitted, pending receipt of validated sampling results from the additional well MW-8 requested by NYSDEC.

#### 6.0 Information Regarding Project Schedule and Completion

The Remedial Investigation portion of the project is 95 percent complete. A revised Remedial Investigation Report will be submitted after data validation is completed for the soil and groundwater data for samples collected in March and April 2025.

A Remedial Action Work Plan is being prepared proposing the selected remedial actions for onsite soil, groundwater, and soil vapor contaminants identified during the Remedial Investigation.



7.0 Unresolved Delays Encountered or Anticipated That May Affect the Future Schedule
and Mitigation Efforts
None.
8.0 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) Activities During this Reporting Period
None.
9.0 Activities Anticipated in Support of the CPP for the Next Reporting Period

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