## New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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June 9, 2014

Mr. Keith Zimmerman, Director St. Lawrence County Planning Office Court House Room 255 48 Court Street Canton, NY 13617-1169

Re:

Certificate of Completion,

SAC No.: C302997

Former Jones & Laughlin Ore Processing

Site No.: E645029

Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Congratulations on having satisfactorily completed the Remediation phase of the environmental restoration project that Saint Lawrence County undertook with State Assistance funds provided pursuant to the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has determined, based upon our inspection of the above-referenced site and upon our review of the documents you have submitted, that you completed the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-referenced State Assistance Contract (SAC).

As a result, the Department is pleased to inform you that the Final Engineering Report is hereby approved, allowing the Certificate of Completion (COC) to be issued for the above referenced site. Enclosed please find an original, signed COC. Saint Lawrence County is hereby entitled to the benefit of the liability limitation provisions described in the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) 56-0509.

Please be advised that the significant benefits described in ECL 56-0509 are contingent upon Saint Lawrence County fulfilling all continuing obligations set forth in ECL Article 56, Title 5, accompanying regulations, and the above-referenced SAC, including but not limited to, the obligations involving reimbursement to the State if the municipality receives payments or other consideration with respect to the project; disposition of proceeds upon the sale, transfer, or lease of the property; ensuring that Department has access to the property; and providing complete notice of any proposed change of use, as defined in ECL 56-0511.

Please note that in addition to the requirements discussed above, you are required to perform the following tasks:

Record a notice of the COC in the recording office for the County (or Counties)
where any portion of the site is located within 30 days of issuance of the COC,

and provide the Department with proof of filing within 30 days of receipt. A standard notice form is attached to this letter;

- Place the notice of the COC in the document repository for the site within 10 days of issuance of the COC; and
- Implement the Department-approved Site Management Plan (SMP) which details the activities necessary to assure the performance, effectiveness, and protectiveness of the remedial program; and you must report the results of these activities to the Department in a Periodic Review Report (PRR) which also includes any required IC/EC Certifications. The site IC/ECs are identified on the attached Site Management Form. The first PRR including the certification of the IC/ECs is due to the Department in October of 2015.

The Department will prepare and distribute to the Site Contact List a fact sheet describing the institutional and engineering controls that are required at the site.

The final payment under the SAC will be made after the execution of all necessary amendments, and the issuance of the COC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Candiloro, the Department's project manager, at (518) 402-9662.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Schick, P.E.

Director

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# NYSDEC ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM (ERP) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

### **CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S):**

Name

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

Address

48 Court St., Canton, NY 13617

#### SITE INFORMATION

Site No.: E645029 Site Name: Former Jones & Laughlin Ore Processing

State Assistance Contract No.: C302997

Site Owner: St. Lawrence County

Street Address: NYS Route 3 and County Route 60

Municipality: Clifton County: St Lawrence DEC Region: 6

Site Size: 14.260 Acres

Tax Map Identification Number(s): 214.000-4-22

A description of the property subject to this Certificate is attached as Exhibit A and a site survey is attached as Exhibit B.

#### CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE

This Certificate of Completion, hereinafter referred to as the "Certificate," is issued pursuant to Article 56, Title 5 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") and 6NYCRR 375.

This Certificate has been issued upon satisfaction of the Commissioner, following review by the Department of the final engineering report and data submitted pursuant to the State Assistance Contract, as well as any other relevant information regarding the Site, that the applicable remediation requirements set forth in the ECL have been or will be achieved in accordance with the time frames, if any, established in the approved remedial work plan.

The remedial program for the Site has achieved a cleanup level that would be consistent with the following categories of uses (actual site use is subject to local zoning requirements):

#### Allowable Uses under the ERP: Commercial and Industrial

The Remedial Program includes use restrictions or reliance on the long term employment of institutional or engineering controls which are contained in the approved Site Management Plan and an Environmental Easement granted pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 which has been duly recorded in the Recording Office for St Lawrence County with recording identifier 2014 00007638.

#### LIABILITY LIMITATION

Upon issuance of this Certificate of Completion, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Certificate holder(s) shall be entitled to the liability limitation provided in ECL Section 56-0509. The liability limitation shall run with the land, extending to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns through acquisition of title to the Site and to a person who develops or otherwise occupies the Site, subject to certain limitations as set forth in ECL Section 56-0509. The liability limitation shall be subject to all rights reserved to the State by ECL Section 56-0509 and any other applicable provision of law.

#### CERTIFICATE TRANSFERABILITY

This Certificate may be transferred to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns upon transfer or sale of the Site as provided by ECL Section 56-0509(1) and 6NYCRR Part 375.

#### CERTIFICATE MODIFICATION/REVOCATION

This Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked by the Commissioner following notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 375-1.9(e) upon a finding that:

- (1) either the Municipality or the Municipality's successors or assigns have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the State Assistance Contract;
- (2) either the Municipality or the Municipality's successors or assigns failed to manage the controls or monitoring in full compliance with the terms of the remedial program;
- (3) either the Municipality or the Municipality's successors or assigns made a misrepresentation of a material fact tending to demonstrate that the cleanup levels identified in the approved remedial work plan were reached;
  - (4) the terms and conditions of the environmental easement, if applicable, have been intentionally violated;
- (5) the environmental easement as implemented, if applicable, is not protective or enforceable; or
  - (6) there is good cause for such modification or revocation.

The Certificate holder(s) (including its successors or assigns) shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure any deficiency or to seek a hearing. If the deficiency is not cured or a request for a hearing received within such 30-day period, the Certificate shall be deemed modified or vacated on the 31st day after the Department's notice.

Date: JENE 9, 2014

Joseph J. Martens Commissioner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

By:

Robert W. Schick, P.E., Director

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