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Mr. Sam Stone  
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**Re: Change in Contract Laboratory Services for the Horse Creek Stewardship Program**

Mr. Stone:

The purpose of this correspondence, which was prepared at the request of the Authority, is to clarify the recent changes in the use of contract laboratories utilized for the analysis of samples generated by the sampling protocol outlined in the Horse Creek Stewardship Program (HCSP). Throughout the life of the program Mosaic had utilized one contract lab for all analytical services related to the HCSP. This contract lab also conducted the analysis of a wide range of samples for Mosaic, including our NPDES compliance programs, groundwater monitoring programs and DRI and Development Order compliance sampling, as well as smaller programs such as the HCSP.

The selection and use of contract laboratories is managed by Mosaic's Environmental Lab Manager and Laboratory Quality Assurance manager. These individuals are charged with the task of ensuring the reliability and usability of all environmental analytical data collected for Mosaic's compliance programs. Recently these individuals identified issues in the level of service we received from this laboratory. As a result, our Lab Manager felt it was necessary to move in another direction. This decision was made shortly after the June TAG meeting on June 16, 2008, independent of my input.

The change in laboratories was a difficult decision for Mosaic and was not taken lightly. This change has been a hardship on Mosaic personnel as well. Due to the sheer volume of our environmental sampling efforts, no single lab can handle Mosaic's entire workflow. This has forced Mosaic to utilize multiple contract laboratories, who issue reports and results in a myriad of formats, often times much different than the format the Authority was accustomed to seeing.

It is inaccurate to state the Mosaic "chose not to inform the Authority" of this change. There was no conscious decision to keep any information from the Authority or members of the TAG. Furthermore, Mosaic was and is not aware of any requirement in the settlement agreement to inform the Authority or the members of the TAG of a change in contract laboratory services. The selection of a contract lab for any program Mosaic is obligated to participate in is made by Mosaic's Environmental Lab Manager and Laboratory Quality Assurance manager and based on a variety of factors including the laboratory's location in relation to our operations, the cost of services, and the level of service provided but above all else, that the laboratory complies with all appropriate NELAC standards.

As of today Mosaic is working to select another contract lab that meets all of the criteria specified above, and that has all of the appropriate certifications, equipment, and staffing necessary to conduct the analysis of all HCSP samples. Once Mosaic selects such a lab we will contact the Authority and the members of the TAG to inform them of the change.

In addition, in the spirit of communication and cooperation, Mosaic will notify the Authority and members of the TAG of any future changes to contract lab status. In the interim, laboratory samples may be analyzed by a number of contract labs including but not limited to Florida Analytical, PES, BenchmarkEA, and Mosaic's internal environmental lab, which is also NELAC certified.

If you have any other questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss this issue please contact me at 813-781-1185 or by email at [santino.provenzano@mosaicco.com](mailto:santino.provenzano@mosaicco.com).

Sincerely,



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