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DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

THIS DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT (hereinafter "Declaration") is made by Hernando County, Florida (hereinafter "GRANTOR") and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter "DEP"). This Declaration, made pursuant to either Chapter 376 or 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.), is neither extinguished nor affected by the Marketable Record Title Act in accordance with section 712.03, F.S.

RECITALS

- A. GRANTOR Hernando County, Florida is the fee simple owner of that certain real property situated in the County of Hernando, State of Florida, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter the "Property").
- B. The DEP Facility or ERIC Identification Number for the Property is ERIC_9620 (Formerly COM_65033). The facility name at the time of this Declaration is Former Fleet Maintenance Facility. This Declaration addresses the discharge that was reported to the DEP on August 8, 1985.

C. The discharge of VOCs and metals on the Property is documented in the following reports that are incorporated by reference:

1. *Site Assessment Report Addendum No. 4*, dated February 2009, prepared by Creative Environmental Solutions, Inc.;
2. *Soil Management Completion Report*, dated June 6, 2021, prepared by Cardno now Stantec;
3. *Site Rehabilitation Completion Report*, dated February 18, 2022, prepared by Cardno now Stantec.

D. The reports noted in Recital C set forth the nature and extent of the contamination that is located on the Property. These reports confirm that contaminated soil and groundwater as defined by Chapter 62-780, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), exist on the Property. Also, these reports document that the groundwater contamination does not extend beyond the Property boundary, that the extent of the groundwater contamination does not exceed 1/4 acre, and that the groundwater contamination is not migrating.

E. It is GRANTOR's and DEP's intent that the restrictions in this Declaration reduce or eliminate the risk of exposure of users or occupants of the Property and the environment to the contaminants and to reduce or eliminate the threat of migration of the contaminants.

F. DEP has agreed to issue a Conditional Site Rehabilitation Completion Order (hereinafter "Order") upon recordation of this Declaration. DEP can unilaterally revoke the Order if the conditions of this Declaration or the Order are not met. Additionally, if concentrations of VOCs or metals increase above the levels in the Order, or if a subsequent discharge occurs at the Property, DEP may require site rehabilitation to reduce concentrations of contamination to the levels allowed by the applicable DEP rules. The Order can be obtained by contacting the appropriate DEP district office or Tallahassee program area.

G. GRANTOR deems it desirable and in the best interest of all present and future owners of the Property that an Order be obtained and that the Property be held subject to certain restrictions and engineering controls, all of which are more particularly hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, to induce DEP to issue the Order and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the undersigned parties, GRANTOR agrees as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. GRANTOR hereby imposes the following restrictions and requirements:

- a. **Groundwater Use.** There are restrictions on use of the groundwater under the Property. Any monitoring wells installed on the Property shall be pre-approved in writing by DEP's Division of Waste Management (DWM) in addition to any authorizations required by the Division of Water Resource Management (DWRM) and the Water Management District (WMD).

For any other groundwater wells to be installed on the Property, a plan signed and sealed by a Florida-registered professional engineer or Florida-registered professional geologist to address and ensure there will be no exposure to contaminated groundwater must be submitted to the DEP's DWM. The plan must include the well location, drilling method, casing depth, total depth, proposed maximum daily flow rate and volume, and a technical evaluation (including calculations, fate and transport modeling, as applicable) to demonstrate that the proposed groundwater extraction will not cause the spread or migration of contaminated groundwater and that receptors will not be exposed as a result of contaminant migration. The plan shall also outline the procedures for proper characterization, handling and disposal of any contaminated media encountered during installation. DEP's DWM will keep the plan in the site file as documentation of site conditions and will rely on this professional certification for demonstrating compliance with this restriction. A revised exhibit must be amended to the Declaration and recorded when any groundwater well is altered, modified, expanded, or constructed. The GRANTOR is advised that other federal, state, or local laws and regulations may apply to this activity. A copy of all permits obtained for the installation of groundwater wells at the Property must be provided along with the plan submitted to DEP's DWM. DEP will rely on this Declaration and certified plan to construct new or modify existing groundwater wells to ensure that there is no exposure to contaminated groundwater entering into new or expanded groundwater wells resulting in risk to human health, public safety or the environment due to the contaminated site. Construction of groundwater wells on the Property could destabilize the groundwater plume or increase potential for exposure to contaminants resulting in risk to human health, public safety, or the environment. For this reason, if GRANTOR seeks to construct groundwater wells on the Property, GRANTOR shall submit the certified plan to DEP DWM in addition to obtaining any authorizations that may be required by DEP DWRM, the WMD, or other federal, state, or local laws and regulations that may apply to this activity. Unless it is demonstrated that the cleanup criteria under subsection 62-780.680(1), F.A.C., have been achieved, DEP, in addition to other remedies available under law, may institute proceedings to revoke this Declaration and the Order and require the proper abandonment of the wells and the resumption of site rehabilitation activities if any such groundwater wells are constructed or commenced without submittal of a certified plan.

b. **Dewatering**. For any dewatering activities on the Property, a plan signed and sealed by a Florida-registered professional engineer or Florida-registered professional geologist to address and ensure the appropriate handling, treatment and disposal of any extracted groundwater that may be contaminated must be submitted to DEP's DWM. The plan must include the location(s) of the dewatering activity and the effluent disposal area(s) relative to known areas of groundwater contamination, proposed flow rates, duration, volume, estimated drawdown, (based upon design calculations), a technical evaluation demonstrating that the dewatering will not cause the migration of contamination and procedures for proper characterization, treatment and handling of any contaminated groundwater that may be encountered during dewatering. DEP's DWM will keep the plan in the site file as documentation of site conditions and will rely on this professional certification for demonstrating compliance with this restriction. The GRANTOR is advised that other federal, state, or local laws and regulations may apply to this activity. A copy of all permits obtained for the implementation of dewatering must be provided along with the plan submitted to DEP's DWM. DEP will rely on this Declaration, Rule 62-621.300, F.A.C., and the guidance incorporated therein, and the signed and sealed dewatering plan as the institutional controls to ensure that no exposure to contaminated groundwater resulting in risk to human health, public safety or the environment will occur due to dewatering activities on the contaminated site. Rule 62-621.300, F.A.C., requires a permit when conducting dewatering in the area of a contaminated site. For this reason, if GRANTOR seeks to conduct dewatering on the Property, GRANTOR shall submit the signed and sealed plan to DEP DWM in addition to obtaining any authorizations that may be required by DEP DWRM, the WMD, or other federal, state, or local laws and regulations that may apply to this activity. The dewatering plan must ensure the appropriate handling, treatment, and disposal of any extracted groundwater that may be contaminated to avoid adversely impacting or increasing the potential for exposure to contaminants resulting in risk to human health, public safety or the environment. Unless it is demonstrated that the cleanup criteria under subsection 62-780.680(1), F.A.C., have been achieved, DEP, in addition to other remedies available under law, may institute proceedings to revoke this Declaration and the Order and require the resumption of site rehabilitation activities if any dewatering activities are commenced without submittal of a signed and sealed plan.

c. **Stormwater Features**.

Currently, there are existing stormwater features, the existence of which has been determined to not adversely affect the remaining contamination Attached as **Exhibit "C"** and incorporated by reference herein, is a Survey identifying the size and location of existing stormwater swales, stormwater detention or retention facilities, and ditches on the Property.

Such existing stormwater features shall not be altered, modified or expanded, and there shall be no construction of new stormwater swales, stormwater detention or retention facilities or ditches on the Property.

If stormwater features must be constructed, modified, altered or expanded, a plan signed and sealed by a Florida-registered professional engineer, or a Florida-registered professional geologist must be submitted to DEP's DWM in addition to any authorizations required by the DWRM and the WMD. The plan must include the feature location, construction and design specifications relative to known areas of soil and groundwater contamination, and a technical evaluation (including calculations, fate and transport modeling, as applicable) to demonstrate that the new stormwater facilities will not cause the migration of contamination. The plan shall also outline the procedures for proper characterization, handling and disposal of any contaminated media that may be encountered during construction. DEP's DWM will keep the plan in the site file as documentation of site conditions and will rely on this professional certification for demonstrating compliance with this restriction. The GRANTOR is advised that other federal, state, or local laws and regulations may apply to this activity. A copy of all permits obtained for the implementation of dewatering must be provided along with the plan submitted to DEP's DWM. A revised exhibit must be amended to the Declaration and recorded when any stormwater feature is altered, modified, expanded, or constructed. DEP will rely on this Declaration and certified plan to construct new or modify existing stormwater features to ensure that there is no exposure to contaminated groundwater entering into new or expanded stormwater features resulting in risk to human health, public safety or the environment due to the contaminated site. Construction of stormwater swales, stormwater detention or retention features, or ditches on the Property could destabilize the groundwater plume or increase potential for exposure to contaminants resulting in risk to human health, public safety, or the environment. For this reason, if GRANTOR seeks to construct stormwater features on the Property, GRANTOR shall submit the certified plan to DEP DWM in addition to obtaining any authorizations that may be required by DEP DWRM, the WMD, or other federal, state, or local laws and regulations that may apply to this activity. Unless it is demonstrated that the cleanup criteria under subsection 62-780.680(1), F.A.C., have been achieved, DEP, in addition to other remedies available under law, may institute proceedings to revoke this Declaration and the Conditional Site Rehabilitation Completion Order and require the resumption of site rehabilitation activities if any such stormwater features are constructed or commenced without submittal of a certified plan.

- d. **Soil Engineering Controls.** The "Area of Soil Contamination" as located on the Property and shown on Exhibit "B" shall be permanently covered and maintained with an impermeable material that prevents human exposure

and prevents water infiltration (hereinafter referred to as "the Engineering Control"). An Engineering Control Maintenance Plan (ECMP) has been approved by DEP. The ECMP specifies the frequency of inspections and monitoring for the Engineering Control and the criteria for determining when the Engineering Control has failed. The Engineering Control shall be maintained in accordance with the ECMP. The ECMP may be amended upon the prior written consent of DEP. The ECMP, as amended, relating to DEP Facility No. ERIC_9620, can be obtained by contacting the appropriate DEP district office or Tallahassee program area.

- e. Excavation and Construction. Excavation and construction below the Engineering Control is not prohibited on the Property provided any contaminated soils that are excavated are either: 1) placed back into the excavation and the Engineering Controls are reconstructed or 2) are removed and properly disposed of pursuant to Chapter 62-780, F.A.C., and any other applicable local, state, and federal requirements. Nothing herein shall limit any other legal requirements regarding construction methods and precautions that must be taken to minimize risk of exposure while conducting work in contaminated areas.
- f. Subdivision of Property. The criteria for direct exposure of contamination in the soil was based upon an average soil contaminant concentration calculated using a 95% Upper Confidence Limit (UCL) approach with an exposure unit (EU) of the entire Property pursuant to Rule 62-780.680, F.A.C. Therefore, the Property may not be subdivided without prior written approval from DEP's DWM. In such case, a subsequent amendment to this Declaration shall be recorded on the Property in accordance with Paragraph 7.

3. All references to "GRANTOR" and "DEP" shall also mean and refer to their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

4. For the purpose of monitoring the restrictions contained herein, DEP is hereby granted a right of entry upon, over and through and access to the Property at reasonable times and with reasonable notice to GRANTOR. Access to the Property is available via an immediately adjacent public right-of-way.

5. It is the intention of GRANTOR that this Declaration shall touch and concern the Property, run with the land and with the title to the Property, and shall apply to and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of GRANTOR and DEP, and to any and all parties hereafter having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof. DEP may enforce the terms and conditions of this Declaration by injunctive relief and other appropriate available legal remedies. Any forbearance on behalf of DEP to exercise its right in the event of the failure of GRANTOR to comply with the provisions of this Declaration shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of DEP's rights hereunder.

This Declaration shall continue in perpetuity, unless otherwise modified in writing by GRANTOR and DEP as provided in paragraph 7 below. These restrictions may also be enforced in a court of competent jurisdiction by any other person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency that is substantially benefited by this Declaration. If GRANTOR does not or will not be able to comply with any or all of the provisions of this Declaration, GRANTOR shall notify DEP in writing within three (3) calendar days.

6. In order to ensure the perpetual nature of this Declaration, GRANTOR shall record this Declaration, and reference these restrictions in any subsequent lease or deed of conveyance, including either the recording book and page or instrument number of record of this Declaration. Furthermore, prior to the entry into a landlord-tenant relationship with respect to the Property, GRANTOR agrees to notify in writing all proposed tenants of the Property of the existence and contents of this Declaration.

7. This Declaration is binding until a release is executed by the DEP Secretary (or designee) and is recorded in the public records of the county in which the land is located. Except as specifically set forth elsewhere in this Declaration, to receive prior approval from DEP to remove or amend any requirement herein, cleanup target levels established pursuant to Florida Statutes and DEP rules must be achieved. This Declaration may be modified in writing only. Any subsequent amendment, including new or revised exhibits, must be executed by both GRANTOR and DEP and be recorded by GRANTOR as an amendment hereto.

8. If any provision of this Declaration is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of that provision shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of the Declaration. All such other provisions shall continue unimpaired in full force and effect.

9. GRANTOR covenants and represents that on the date of execution of this Declaration that GRANTOR is seized of the Property in fee simple and has good right to create, establish, and impose this Declaration on the use of the Property. GRANTOR also covenants and warrants that the Property is free and clear of any and all liens, mortgages, or encumbrances that could impair GRANTOR'S rights to impose the restrictions described in this Declaration.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hernando County has executed this instrument, this
_____ day of _____, 20_____.

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Steve Champion,
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Hernando County, Florida
20 N. Main Street, # 460,
Brooksville, FL 34601

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Date: _____
Witness
Print Name: _____

Date: _____
Witness
Print Name: _____

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical
presence or online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20_____,
by _____ as _____ for _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

Signature of Notary Public

Print Name of Notary Public

Commission No.

Commission Expires:

Approved as to form by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of General Counsel _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has executed this instrument, this _____ day of _____, 20_____

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

{{Printed name of signatory}}
{{Title of signatory}}
{{either "Petroleum Restoration Program," OR "Waste Cleanup Program," OR "_____ District Office," whichever is applicable}}
{{Mailing Address}}

{{DEP site/project manager should provide the above information to GRANTOR.}}

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by _____ as representative for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

Signature of Notary Public

Print Name of Notary Public
Commission No. _____
Commission Expires: _____