North County Ford of Jasper Jasper, Walker County, Alabama ADEM VCP Site #: 461-127-26002

Fact Sheet

An initial Voluntary Property Assessment Report and Environmental Covenant have been found to be technically adequate by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for **North County Ford of Jasper** in Jasper, Alabama. This fact sheet has been prepared to briefly advise the public of the principal legal and policy issues of the VCP.

I. VCP PROCESS

The VCP provides a mechanism for the implementation of a cleanup program that encourages applicants to voluntarily assess, remediate, and reuse rural and urban areas of actual or perceived contamination. The program does not relieve any "responsible person" for the liability for administrative, civil, or criminal fines or penalties which are otherwise authorized by law and imposed as a result of the illegal or unpermitted disposal of solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous constituents, hazardous substances, petroleum products, and/or pollutants to the land, air, or waters of the State on an identified property. The program is designed to expedite the voluntary cleanup process and has been designed for entry at any stage of the cleanup process as long as all applicable criteria have been met up to the point of entry.

II. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

ADEM is proposing to issue the North County Ford of Jasper Site an Environmental Covenant for the site remediation. The Voluntary Property Assessment Report and Environmental Covenant include a proposal of the implementation of institutional controls by placing an environmental covenant on the subject property that prohibits the use of groundwater.

ADEM Admin Code R. 335-15-6-.02 requires that the public be given a 30-day comment period from the date of the notice. The comment period will begin on December 23, 2025 which is the date of publication of the public notice in major local newspaper(s) of general circulation and will end on January 22, 2026.

All persons wishing to comment on any of the conditions of the VCP Remediation should submit their comments in writing to ADEM, Permits and Services Division, 1400 Coliseum Blvd. (Zip 36110). P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 36130-1463) Montgomery, Alabama, ATTENTION: Mr. Russell Kelly. Written comments on the VCP activities should be submitted to ADEM and be received by January 22, 2026.

ADEM will consider all written comments received during the comment period while making a final decision on this issue. When ADEM makes its final decision, notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision.

III. FACILITY DESIGN

HPH Land Company, LLC has completed site investigation activities under the VCP at the North County Ford of Jasper located at 4098 and 4100 Highway 78 East, Jasper AL. Currently the subject property consists of 35,776 square foot structure that is occupied by a Ford automotive dealership. HPH Land Company, LLC proposes to implement institutional control through an environmental covenant to restrict the use of groundwater.

IV. TECHNICAL CONTACT

Alyce Crayton, Project Manager Redevelopment Section Industrial Hazardous Waste Branch Land Division Alabama Department of Environmental Management 1400 Coliseum Boulevard (Zip 36110) P.O. Box 301463 (Zip 36130-1463) Montgomery, Alabama (334) 271-7740 This instrument was prepared by: George M. Taylor, III, Esq. Burr & Forman LLP 420 North 20th Street, Suite 3400 Birmingham, Alabama 35203

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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WALKER COUNTY)

ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: This Environmental Covenant is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20___ by HPH LAND COMPANY, LLC, , an Alabama limited liability company ("Owner") with approval from ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ("ADEM"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the to the Alabama Uniform Environmental Covenants Act §§ 35-19-1 through 35-19-14, Code of Alabama, as amended, (the "Act') and the ADEM Administrative Code of Regulations promulgated thereunder:

WHEREAS, this instrument is an Environmental Covenant developed and executed pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Owner is the owner of that certain property more particularly described as on Exhibit "A" hereto (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with various environmental investigations performed pursuant to property transfer due diligence, certain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) with constituents of concern impact in subsurface soils and groundwater were discovered on or within the Property; and

WHEREAS, Owner engaged GTEC environmental engineers to prepare a VCP Assessment Report which has presented to and reviewed by ADEM (the "VCP Report");

WHEREAS, ADEM has reviewed and approved the VCP Report and as a result of the information disclosed in the report, certain restrictions are required by ADEM for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Environmental Covenant is to ensure protection of human health and the environment by placing said restrictions on the Property to reduce the risk to human health to below the target risk levels for those contaminants that remain on the Property; and

WHEREAS, further information concerning the matters set forth in the VCP Report and the activities described therein may be obtained by contacting Chief, Land Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management ("ADEM"), or his or her designated representative, at 1400 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama, 36110; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Record concerning the Property is located at:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management 1400 Coliseum Boulevard Montgomery, Alabama 36110

NOW, THEREFORE, Owner hereby grants this Environmental Covenant to ADEM, and declares that the Property shall be bound by, held, used, improved, occupied, leased, hypothecated, encumbered, and/or conveyed subject to the requirements set forth below:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

"Grantor" means the Owner, and its successors and assigns in interest.

2. **USE RESTRICTIONS**

Activities that violate the following restrictions shall not take place on the Property without obtaining prior written approval from ADEM:

Use of groundwater for potable purposes.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (A) Restrictions to Run with the Land. This Environmental Covenant runs with the land pursuant to § 35-19-5, Code of Alabama, as amended; and shall remain in force and effect in perpetuity unless modified or terminated pursuant to the terms of this Environmental Covenant or § 35-19-9 Code of Alabama, as amended; is imposed upon the entire Property unless expressly stated as applicable only to a specific portion thereof; inures to the benefit of and passes with each and every portion of the Property; and binds Grantor, any Holder (as the same is defined pursuant to § 35-19-2, Code of Alabama), all persons using the land, all persons, their heirs, successors and assigns having any right, title or interest in the Property, or any part thereof who have subordinated those interests to this Environmental Covenant, and all persons, their heirs, successors and assigns who obtain any right, title or interest in the Property, or any part thereof after the recordation of this Environmental Covenant.
- Registry/Recordation of Environmental Covenant; Amendment; or Termination. Pursuant to § 35-19-12(b), Code of Alabama, as amended, this Environmental Covenant and any amendment or termination thereof shall be filed in the ADEM Registry of Environmental Covenants ("Registry"). After the Environmental Covenant is filed in the Registry, a notice of the Environmental Covenant, amendment, or termination thereof may be recorded in the land records in lieu of recording the entire covenant in compliance with § 35-19-12(b). Grantor shall be responsible for filing this Environmental Covenant in the Registry and notice of Environmental Covenant in the Office of the Judge of Probate of WALKER County, Alabama within thirty (30) days of the final required signature.

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- (C) <u>Right of Access</u>. Grantor hereby grants to ADEM and any Holder, their agents, contractors and employees, the right of access to the Property for implementation or enforcement of this Environmental Covenant.
- (D) <u>ADEM Reservations</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Environmental Covenant, ADEM retains all of its access authorities and rights, as well as all of its rights to require additional land/water use restrictions, including enforcement authorities related thereto.
- (E) Representations and Warranties. Grantor hereby represents and warrants that Grantor has the power and authority to enter into this Environmental Covenant, to grant the rights and interests herein provided, and to carry out all obligations hereunder;
- (F) Compliance Enforcement. In accordance with § 35-19-11(b), Code of Alabama, as amended, the terms of this Environmental Covenant may be enforced by the parties to this Environmental Covenant; any person to whom this Environmental Covenant expressly grants power to enforce; any person whose interest in the real property or whose collateral or liability may be affected by the alleged violation of this Environmental Covenant; or a municipality or other unit of local government in which the Property subject to this Environmental Covenant is located, in accordance with applicable law. The parties hereto expressly agree that ADEM has the power to enforce this Environmental Covenant. Failure to timely enforce compliance with this Environmental Covenant or the use or activity limitations contained herein by any person shall not bar subsequent enforcement by such person and shall not be deemed a waiver of the person's right to take action to enforce any non-compliance. Nothing in this Environmental Covenant shall limit the regulatory authority of ADEM under any applicable law with respect to the environmental response project.
- (G) <u>Modifications/Termination</u>. Any modifications to this Environmental Covenant prior to its termination must be made in accordance with §§ 35-19-9 and 35-19-10, <u>Code of Alabama</u>, as amended.
- (H) <u>Notices</u>. Any document or communication required to be sent pursuant to the terms of this Environmental Covenant shall be sent to the following persons via U.S. mail or other carrier such as UPS or FedEx:

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<u>ADEM</u>

Chief, Land Division
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
1400 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36110

GRANTOR

HPH Land Company, LLC 4808 University Drive, NW Huntsville, Alabama 35816

- (I) No Property Interest Created in ADEM. Pursuant to § 35-19-3(b), Code of Alabama, as amended, the rights of ADEM under the Act or under this Environmental Covenant, other than a right as a holder, is not an interest in the Property, nor does the approval by ADEM of this Environmental Covenant create any interest in the Property.
- (J) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Environmental Covenant is found to be unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired.
- (K) Governing Law. This Environmental Covenant shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.
- (L) Recordation. In accordance with Ala. Code § 35-19-8(a) (2014 Cum. Supp.), Grantor shall record this Environmental Covenant and any amendment or termination of the Environmental Covenant in every county in which any portion of the real property subject to this Environmental Covenant is located. Grantor agrees to record this Environmental Covenant within fifteen (15) days after the date of the final required signature upon this Environmental Covenant.
- (M) <u>Effective Date</u>. The effective date of this Environmental Covenant shall be the date the fully executed Environmental Covenant is recorded in accordance with paragraph 3(C) above.
- (N) <u>Distribution of Environmental Covenant</u>. In accordance with § 35-19-7, <u>Code of Alabama</u>, Grantor shall, within fifteen (15) days of filing this Environmental Covenant, have a recorded and date stamped copy of same distributed to each of the following: (1) Each person who signed the Environmental Covenant; (2) Each person holding a recorded interest in the Property; (3) Each person in possession of the Property; (4) Each municipality or other unit of local government in which the Property is located; and (5) Any other person required by ADEM to receive a copy of the Environmental Covenant. However, the validity of this Environmental Covenant will not be affected by the failure to provide a copy of this Environmental Covenant as herein provided.

- (O) <u>No Admission of Liability</u>. The execution and delivery of this instrument by Grantor shall not be deemed an admission of liability of any kind.
- (P) <u>Party References</u>. All references to ADEM, Grantor, or other applicable parties, shall include successor agencies, departments, divisions, heirs, executors and/or administrators.

[Signatures begin on following page]

GRANTOR:

	HPH LAND COMPANY, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company By: Zachary P. Penney, Manager
STATE OF ALABAMA)::SS)	
that Zachary P. Penney, whose name as M limited liability company, is signed to the acknowledged before me on this day that, he/she, as such Manager and with full author of said corporation as of the day the same be Given under my hand, and official see.	Notary-Public Print Name: [SEALICA GUILLINGSION: 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12
[Signatures conf	inue on following page]

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

This Environmental Covenant is hereby approved by the State of Alabama, Department of Environmental Management.

Dated	
	By: Chief, Land Division Alabama Department of Environmental Management
instrumentality of the State of Alal), a Notary Public in and for said County in said, whose name as of the Alabama Department of Management, and bama, is signed to the foregoing Environmental Covenant, and
such instrument, he or she, as such same voluntarily for and as the act	d before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of
	NOTARY PUBLIC
[SEAL]	My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Lots 1 and 2 according to the plat of J & E Land Company Medical Plaza & Outparcels as the same is recorded at Map Book 10, Page 75, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. Said property being located in Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 7 West, Walker County, Alabama.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF WALKER

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT







(334) 271-7700 1400 Coliseum Blvd. Montgomery, AL 36110 mailing address: Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

Receipt Confirmation Page

ADEM requires that when you pay online, you MUST print out the confirmation information and submit it as proof of payment with your permit application or any other correspondence requiring proof of payment.

Payment Summary					
Payment Item	Fee				
Online Payment - 12/15/2025 10:47:20	\$800.00				
Total Fee through Alabama.gov (more Info)	\$826.00				

Receipt Confirmation Number: 20251215000008542

General Invoice Information

Choose the type of payment you are making: 6570-OTHER FEES (Must Enter Description of Other Fees)

Description of Other Fees: ADEM Environmental Covenant Fee

Additional Information/Fee Description: Per Alyce Crayton in Redevelopment Section, Land Division

Number on your ADEM invoice: Date on your ADEM invoice:

Contact Information

Company/Facility or Individual Name: HPH Land Company, LLC

Facility Permit Number (if applicable):

Company or Facility Phone: 256-651-9058

Contact Person: Ryan Hensley Contact Phone: 256-651-9058

Contact email address: rhensley@billpenney.com

Name of an ADEM Program Staff Member (if known): Alyce Crayton

Policy Related Questions: 334-271-7700

Application Support: 866-353-3468 or support@alabamainteractive.org

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