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Cobble Hill Holdings Ltd. (BC0754588)

505 Fisgard Street  
Victoria BC V8W 1S6

Dear Named Parties (as identified in the Second  
Amended Spill Prevention Order MO1701),

**Re: Second Amended Spill Prevention Order MO1701, 460 Stebbings Road, Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W3**

On July 25, 2019, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Protection Division staff conducted an inspection of your facility, Cobble Hill Holdings (BC0754588) located at 460 Stebbings Road, Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W3 under the *Environmental Management Act* (EMA).

**Inspection Details:**

Requirement Description:	<b>2017-06-29 SPO</b>  1. a: The Named Parties must ensure that: The landfill is covered completely with weighted and secured impermeable cover, and that sufficient weather protection is provided for the cover in order to ensure its effectiveness, except as needed for implementation of an approved Updated Final Closure Plan;
Details/Findings:	<b>Inspection Overview</b>  On July 25, 2019 Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) Environmental Protection Officer Colin Meldrum (Officer Meldrum) conducted an file review inspection of Cobble Hill Holdings Ltd. (BC0754588) landfill cell located at 460 Stebbings Road, Shawnigan Lake (Facility). The purpose of the inspection was to verify compliance with Spill Prevention Order MO1701 (SPO), dated January 27, 2017 and last amended June 29, 2017, and the Minister's letters dated August 11, 2017, September 18, 2017 and June 26, 2019. The scope of the inspection included a review of the semi-monthly status report submissions of March 30, 2019, April 15, 2019, April 30, 2019, May 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, June 15, 2019, June 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019.  The inspection period was from March 1, 2019 to July 30, 2019.  <b>Compliance Assessment</b>  The semi-monthly status reports for March 30, 2019, April 15, 2019, April 30, 2019, May 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, June 15, 2019, June 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019 included photographs of the liner and a statement that the liner is in good condition and there have been no noticeable changes since the last inspection.

Compliance:	In
Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-06-29 SPO</b></p> <p>1. d: The Named Parties must ensure that: records of the volumes of Leachate collected, stored and transported, including the name and location of the authorized facility(ies) receiving the Leachate, are maintained and submitted to the director by the 15th and 30th of each month (or the next business day thereafter if the 15th or 30th of the month is not a business day), until the Named Parties have complied with section 5 of this order. Submissions must be made electronically to the following email inbox: EnvironmentalCompliance@gov.bc.ca.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>Records of the volumes of leachate collected, stored and transported were maintained and submitted in the semi-monthly status reports on March 30, 2019, April 15, 2019, April 30, 2019, May 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, June 15, 2019, June 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019. The semi-monthly status report for July 30, 2019 states that the removal and transport of 32.90 m3 of leachate from the Facility took place during the reporting period and that records would be submitted in the next semi-monthly status report.</p>
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Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-06-29 SPO</b></p> <p>2: The Ministry acknowledges receipt of a package of "As-Built" plans and specifications for the existing facility, and a report entitled "Cobble Hill Landfill Final Closure Plan Report" prepared by Sperling Hansen Associates Inc., dated May 31, 2017 (the "Final Closure Plan"). By July 21, 2017, the Named Parties must submit an updated version of the Final Closure Plan to the Ministry for review and approval (the "Updated Final Closure Plan"). The Updated Final Closure Plan must be certified by a qualified professional as defined in the Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste, Second Edition, June 2016 ("Qualified Professional") and must revise the Final Closure Plan to include the following: a to h.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>A revised version of the Updated Final Closure Plan was submitted to the Ministry on January 31, 2019.</p> <p>The Updated Final Closure Plan was conditionally approved by the Minister in a letter dated June 26, 2019.</p>
Compliance:	In

Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-06-29 SPO</b></p> <p>3: Following approval of the Updated Final Closure Plan, the Named Parties must carry out all closure activities set out in the approved Updated Final Closure Plan in accordance with any conditions of the approval. A Qualified Professional must be continuously present on-site to supervise all closure activities and must carry out the following: inspect and approve works as they are constructed for conformance with plans and specifications; perform quality assurance and quality control, including for the clay secondary liner and the geomembrane base and cover liners; perform testing, including seam and leak testing; and report to the Ministry in accordance with section 4 below. The Named Parties must carry out the closure activities in accordance with the implementation schedule in the approved Updated Final Closure Plan or such other dates as specified by the Minister.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>The Updated Final Closure Plan, dated January 31, 2019, was conditionally approved by the Minister in a letter dated June 26, 2019.</p> <p>The Named Parties are currently preparing an updated work plan and implementation schedule prior to commencement of construction activities; therefore, compliance with this requirement is not applicable for the inspection period.</p>
Compliance:	Not Applicable
Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-06-29 SPO</b></p> <p>4: Commencing in the month that closure activities commence pursuant to the approved Updated Final Closure Plan, the Named Parties must submit semi-monthly status reports, certified by a Qualified Professional. The reports must include the status of closure activities, inspection results, quality control and testing results, photographs which support/document the quality control and testing results, inspection reports and other supporting documents as needed to fully document all stages and components of the closure activities. Status reports must be submitted by the 15th and 30th of each month (or the next business day thereafter if the 15th or 30th of the month is not a business day) until closure activities have been completed. Submissions must be made electronically to the following email inbox: EnvironmentalCompliance@gov.bc.ca.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>Semi-monthly status reports were submitted electronically on March 30, 2019, April 15, 2019, April 30, 2019, May 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, June 15, 2019, June 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019. Each semi-monthly status report was certified by a Qualified Professional with Islander Engineering Ltd. The semi-monthly status reports included inspection results, quality control and testing results and photographs.</p>
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Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-06-29 SPO</b></p> <p>5: The Named Parties must submit complete detailed final "As-Built" plans and specifications, certified by a Qualified Professional, of any revisions to the Facility including the landfill final cover, resulting from implementing the approved Updated Final Closure Plan in accordance with any conditions of the approval, within 30 days after the works have been constructed.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>The Named Parties were previously found to be in compliance with this requirement in IR072415 for having submitted As-Built drawings certified by a Qualified Professional for the approved Minor Construction Works.</p> <p>The works approved in the Updated Final Closure Plan, dated January 31, 2019, have not yet been constructed; therefore, compliance with the requirement to submit complete detailed final "As-Built" plans and specifications certified by a Qualified Professional within 30 days after the works have been constructed is not applicable for the inspection period.</p>
Compliance:	Not Applicable
Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-06-29 SPO</b></p> <p>6: Following completion of all closure activities in the approved Updated Final Closure Plan, the Named Parties must submit quarterly implementation reports to the Ministry on or immediately before the last day of March, June, September and December of each year, for the duration specified in the approved Updated Final Closure Plan. Implementation reports must include records of inspections, operations and maintenance of the Facility, records of the volumes of Leachate collected, stored and transported, including the name and location of the authorized facility(ies) receiving the Leachate, and environmental monitoring program records interpreted and certified by a Qualified Professional. Submissions must be made electronically to the following email inbox: EnvironmentalCompliance@gov.bc.ca.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>The closure activities in the approved Updated Final Closure Plan, dated January 31, 2019, have not yet been completed; therefore, compliance with the requirement to submit quarterly implementation reports to the Ministry on or immediately before the last day of March, June, September and December of each year for the duration specified in the approved Updated Final Closure Plan, dated January 31, 2019, is not applicable for the inspection period.</p>
Compliance:	Not Applicable

Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-08-11 SPO Clarification Letter</b></p> <p>4.: The Environmental Monitoring Program must involve collection of monthly rather than quarterly samples from the surface water, groundwater and seepage blanket as identified in sections 9.4 to 9.6 of the Updated Final Closure Plan. With regard to section 9.3, leachate in the Leak Detection Tank must also be sampled monthly when liquid is present in the tank, and analyzed for the same parameters as indicated in the Leachate Tank sampling program. Monitoring must commence at existing sampling sites by August 31, 2017, and must commence at the seepage blanket monitoring wells by October 31, 2017.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>The semi-monthly status reports for April 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019 include the results of the monthly samples collected from the surface water (SHA-SW1), groundwater (MW2, MW3(S/D), and MW6) and seepage blanket (SB-1 when not dry and SB-2) as identified in sections 9.4 and 9.6 of the Updated Final Closure Plan.</p> <p>The semi-monthly status reports for March 30, 2019, April 15, 2019, April 30, 2019, May 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, June 15, 2019, June 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019 state that no monthly samples were collected from the surface water at SHA-SW2 in March 2019, April 2019, May 2019, June 2019 and July 2019 due to no flow being present, or from the seepage blanket at SB-1 in June 2019 and July 2019 because the sample location was dry and the seepage blanket at SB-3 in March 2019, April 2019, May 2019, June 2019 and July 2019 because the sample location was dry.</p> <p>In addition, the semi-monthly status reports for April 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019 include the results of the monthly samples collected from the Leachate Tank (SHA-LE-1) as identified in section 9.3 of the Updated Final Closure Plan. The semi-monthly status reports for March 30, 2019, April 15, 2019, April 30, 2019, May 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, June 15, 2019, June 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019 state that no monthly samples were collected from the Leachate Tank (SHA-LD-1) as identified in section 9.3 of the Updated Final Closure Plan in March 2019, April 2019, May 2019, June 2019 and July 2019 because the sample location was dry.</p>
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Requirement Description:	<p><b>2017-08-11 SPO Clarification Letter</b></p> <p>6. b. iii.: Additional reporting to the Ministry must be carried out as follows:  b. In addition to including the information listed in section 4 of the SPO, the semi-monthly status reports must also:  iii. Include water quality results received from the lab during the reporting period, suitably tabulated with copies of the original lab reports.</p>
Details/Findings:	<p>The semi-monthly status reports for April 15, 2019, May 30, 2019, July 15, 2019 and July 30, 2019 include the results of the monthly samples from the surface water, groundwater, seepage blanket and leachate tank suitably tabulated and with copies of the original lab reports.</p>

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Compliance History:

2019-04-17 IR115769 - Notice of Compliance  
2018-11-14 IR102127 - Notice of Compliance  
2018-07-12 IR090482 - Notice of Compliance  
2018-02-01 IR078018 - Notice of Compliance  
2017-12-04 IR072415 - Notice of Compliance  
2017-10-17 IR070056 - Notice of Compliance - All Minor Construction Works have been constructed  
2017-09-27 IR068133 - Warning - Qualified Professional not continuously present on-site, monthly monitoring did not commence by date required, minor construction works schedule not received  
2017-06-15 IR057193 - COS Referral - Landfill cell liner not covered completely with weighted and secured impermeable cover resulting in discharge of leachate  
2017-05-18 IR056323 - Warning - Leak detection piping not connected to the leak detection tank, records of Leachate volume stored on-site not provided in email submissions  
2017-04-06 IR052631 - Advisory - Minor issues with the landfill liner integrity noted, volumes of leachate collected being inaccurately reported

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- General compliance information: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/environmentalcompliance>
- Non-Compliance Decision Matrix information: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/environment/how-compliance-is-assessed>
- Reporting and data submission requirements (to be sent to EnvAuthorizationsReporting@gov.bc.ca): <http://www.gov.bc.ca/submit-waste-authorization-reports>

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Environmental Protection Officer

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