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RE: Prospective Purchaser Application  
Portland Botanical Gardens (PBG)  
McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Co. Site  
ECSI File No. 0074

Dear Matt:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) confirms that it has received and accepted Portland Botanical Garden's Prospective Purchaser Agreement (PPA) application dated May 29, 2024. The purpose of accepting the application is to facilitate further discussion in order to determine if a PPA can be successfully negotiated. Accepting a PPA application does not guarantee that a PPA will be ultimately executed.

Over the next several months, DEQ intends to consult with interested tribal nations and community partners, along with PBG, about PBG's plans for development of the Site. DEQ's evaluation of the PPA application will include confirming that PBG meets the statutory requirements for a prospective purchaser, including that a substantial public benefit will result from PBG's planned development.

Sincerely,

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