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Australian Technology Park Redevelopment Information about Contamination Management – Asbestos Removal

Civil works have commenced on Lot 12/Building 2. These works involve the remediation and removal from site of existing fill. There are sections of this fill that are contaminated and the removal of these areas is required so as to satisfy environmental guidelines for the intended commercial use of the site. Whilst there is no risk to the community, we would like to provide you with an outline of these site remediation works and our associated assessment and management procedures.

What is the nature of contamination on site?

Research has identified historical former land uses such as locomotive workshops, foundries, railway sidings and goods yards. Investigations have detected areas of asbestos impacted soil, and it is on this basis that the procedures for managing its removal have been established by our specialist team.

What procedures are in place?

Given the occurrence of the asbestos impacted fill, procedures in accordance with SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice *How to Manage and Control Asbestos in the Workplace* and *How to Safely Remove Asbestos* are to be implemented for the handling of this material by a team of independent specialists.

Procedures to manage asbestos contamination include:

- Regular wetting of soils on the site during periods of disturbance to minimise dust generation;
- Establishment of exclusion zones (areas where asbestos removal works are to occur);
- All workers within the exclusion zone undergo a decontamination process before leaving the exclusion zone;
- Daily dust monitoring to confirm control measures are appropriate;
- Daily air monitoring for asbestos with results analysed by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory; and
- A procedure to assess the results of air monitoring to ensure sufficient controls are in place at all times.

Site Access

The SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice include a requirement to restrict access to the asbestos removal area with barriers and signage. As work progresses, the asbestos removal areas will change location on site depending on the nature of the work being undertaken.



Why do workers wear suits if there is no risk to the community?

Workers in the asbestos removal area (exclusion zone) wear Personal Protective Clothing (PPE) for a number of factors that do not apply to people in the community. Primarily, PPE is a precaution to manage potential exposure of workers in the event of even minor exceedances. Given the specialist nature of this work, the wearing of PPE is a protective measure against the long term accumulative risk profile of these workers. The wearing of PPE also ensures that no contaminants can be unintentionally transported from the work area.

It is important to note that the controls that are in place on site are also for the protection of the workers that operate in and around contaminated material within the exclusion zone. Residents can be assured that in achieving this, the surrounding community is equally protected.

Ongoing Communication

Mirvac aims to share information in a timely way using a range of communication tools and seeks to respond quickly to stakeholder's concerns and questions. This includes further information about the project and construction updates. This will also be available on our website, www.atp.com.au/development

For any further information please contact the Mirvac Australian Technology Park Community Relations Team via the 24hr phone **1800 870 549** or email atp.communications@mirvac.com.

Yours Sincerely,

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