

March 4, 2013 Job # J2715

Scope of work revised per client:

May 11, 2023

The project proposes to replace a 107,100 sf vacant parcel with two seven story mixed-use buildings, providing 327 dwelling units, 9,462 of commercial space, and 263 on-site spaces.

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Site Methane Investigation Report for: Subj:

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1185-1245 W. Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA – 90026

Methane Specialists is pleased to submit this report with the results of our subsurface methane investigation for the above mentioned project. The purpose of the investigation was to measure subsurface soil gas concentrations and pressures of methane at the subject site to determine sitespecific methane mitigation requirements prescribed by the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. This investigation was conducted in accordance with our proposal dated February 22, 2013.

## **Project Information**

As proposed, the project will include the construction of a new 'new 200+ Unit Apartment Complex "over "two subterranean parking levels". The parcel area to be developed is approximately 116,000 square feet. Ground water was not encountered by any probeset during drilling down below a depth of greater than 16 feet, below surface grade (bsg). Refusal was met by three of the deep probes, down to a depth of greater than 16 feet (bsg). A geotechnical report was not provided to us before the writing of this report. Thus, the historical groundwater level at this location assumed to be greater than 16 feet, bsg, and approximately greater than 1 foot below where an impermeable membrane would be required to be installed. Whether de-watering is required is to be determined by the Geotechnical Engineer in his final project report.

The site is within an area which the City of Los Angeles designates as a Methane Zone.

# City of Los Angeles Methane Requirements

Requirements for control of methane intrusion in the City of Los Angeles are specified in Division 71 of Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("Division 71"). Since the project is within the Methane Zone, the Department of Building and Safety has the authority to withhold permits for construction unless detailed plans for adequate protection against methane intrusion are submitted, if testing leads to methane mitigation being required.

The level of methane protection required depends upon the "design methane concentration," which is defined in Division 71 as "the highest concentration of methane gas found during site testing." Site testing is required to determine the design concentration, unless the developer accepts the most stringent methane mitigation requirements ("Level V"). If site testing is performed (e.g., to document that a lower level of mitigation is justified), then it must follow a protocol published by the Department of Building and Safety, "Site Testing Standards for Methane" (P/BC 2002-101, November 30, 2004).

P/SC 2002-101 prescribes a three-step process for methane evaluation:

- (1) Scheduling site testing either before or 30 days after any site grading;
- (2) Conducting shallow soil gas tests (not less than 4 feet, bsg); and
- (3) Installing and using multiple-depth gas probe sets where the highest concentrations of soil gases are expected to be found

For the first step, site testing was scheduled for March 1, and 4, 2013. Methane Specialists also notified Underground Service Alert of Southern California to mark the site for underground utilities, and the utilities were subsequently marked and cleared.

For the second step, P/BC 2002-101 requires one shallow sampling location for every 10,000 square feet, or portion thereof, of site area, with a minimum of two shallow soil gas probe locations. Since the site area is approximately 116,000 square feet, a minimum of twelve (12) shallow sampling locations were required.

The third step in the City's methane evaluation process is to collect a minimum of two samples at multiple depths, and at least one multiple-depth probeset per every 20,000 square feet, or portion thereof. Thus, a minimum of six (6) multiple-depth *deep* gas probe sets were *also* required.

#### **Shallow Soil Gas Probe Testing**

City Guidelines require that one shallow-depth probe be installed for every 10,000 square feet of site area where the highest concentration of soil gas is most likely to be found, with a minimum of two shallow gas probes, regardless of the total area of the site. Since the total square footage of the site is approximately 116,000 square feet, Methane Specialists installed the required minimum of twelve (12) shallow methane probes at a depth of 4 feet bsg (see Probe Location Map).

The shallow gas probes, designated SP-1 through SP-12, were drilled and installed on March 1, 2013. Methane Specialists used a direct push drill rig to hydraulically drive a 1.50 inch rod into the ground to a depth of approximately 4 feet, bsg. A ¼" polyethylene probe was then inserted into the boreholes. Approximately six inches of sand was placed in the boreholes, above and below the probe, to provide a sampling area. Bentonite was then added to the top of each of the boreholes. A hydrated bentonite plug was then placed above the bentonite, in each borehole, to form a seal.

Shallow probe site testing was conducted on March 1, and 4, 2013.

#### Multiple-Depth Gas Probe Set Testing

City Guidelines also require that one multiple-depth deep probe set be installed for every 20,000 square feet of site area where the highest concentration of soil gas is most likely to be found, with a minimum of two multiple-depth deep gas probe sets, regardless of the total area of the site. Since the total area of the site is approximately 116,000 square feet, Methane Specialists drilled and installed the required six (6) multiple-depth deep probesets, designated P-1 through P-6, also on March 1, 2013.

The multiple-depth deep probes were also installed using direct-push drilling equipment in the same manner as were the shallow gas probes. The deep probes were installed as double to triple-well clusters, starting from greater than 5 feet, bsg, down to refusal at depths from 8 to 16 feet, bsg, at P-1, through P-6 (refer to attached Gas Monitoring Log sheets). Groundwater was not encountered at P-1 though P-6. In all cases, at each probe depth, approximately twelve inches of sand was placed in the borehole around each of the probes. Each of the probe sand layers were separated by layers of bentonite, between the sampling elevations. A hydrated, bentonite, plug was then placed onto the top of each borehole to form a seal as per attached Probe Boring Detail.

Multi-depth probe site testing was also conducted on March 1, and 4, 2013.

#### Sampling and Analysis

For field data sampling and analysis, Methane Specialists measured these probes for methane with a RKI Eagle portable, gas-sampling meter. The lower limit for reporting methane levels with the RKI Eagle is 500 ppmv (parts per million by volume).

The RKI Eagle was calibrated against standard calibrant samples by trained Methane Specialists staff members.

The probe pressures were all measured with a Dwyer Magnehelic Differential Pressure Gauge with a minimum scale division of 0.1 inch of water ( $H_2O$ ).

#### Results of Shallow Gas Probe and Multiple-Depth Gas Probe Analysis

The attached Form 1 shows the results of the analysis of both the shallow, and the multiple, depth deep probe sets.

#### Recommendations

In summary, methane was measured at greater than one percent of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of methane, at the subject site. Therefore, according to Table 1A (enclosed), for the Methane Zone, this project falls under Design Level *II*, with less than 2 inches of water-column gas-pressure. Thus, as per said Methane Code Table 1A, this project *does* require a "passive" methane mitigation system.

#### **Disclaimer**

All discussion in this report is based on information provided by the client, as well as data and conditions, as they existed at the time and date of testing at the site. Should any detail, or condition, change from that original information, then, re-consideration of the conclusions in this report could become justified. Methane Specialists cannot be held accountable for the consequences of relevant information which was not previously provided. Nor can Methane Specialists be held accountable for the consequences of changes in the project scope, or of project site conditions.

This report has been prepared for the sole use of the client, exclusively, for the completion of the subject project, alone. No other application, or interpretation, of this report is to be granted, or implied, or otherwise made, without first obtaining direct, written permission, exclusively from Methane Specialists.

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Respectfully, Methane Specialists

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METHANE PROBE LOCATION MAP

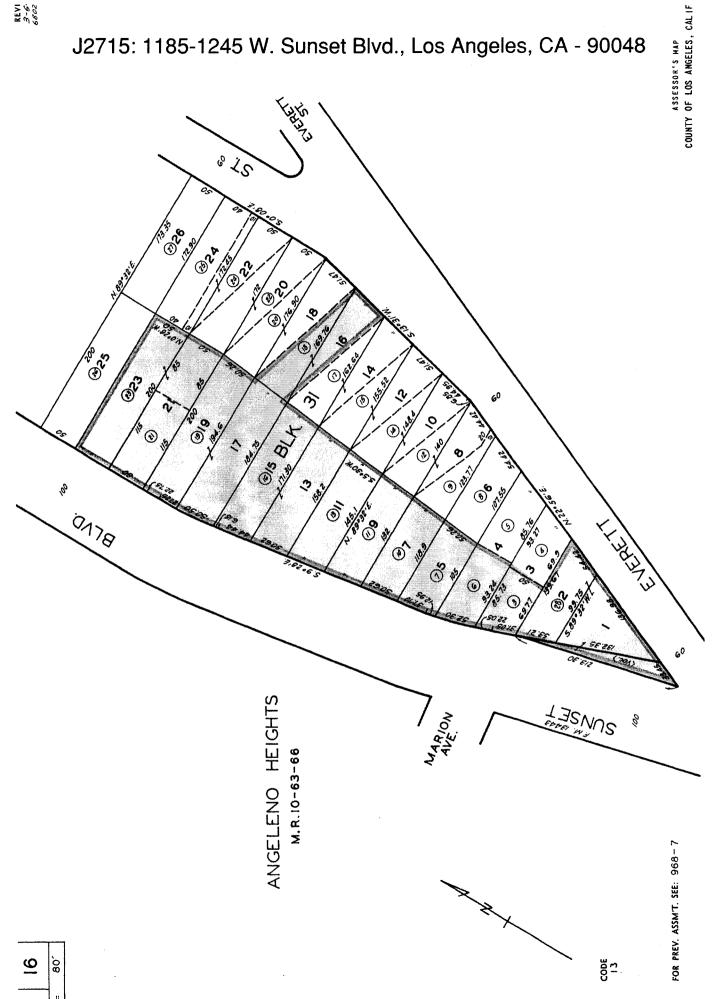
TYPICAL METHANE PROBE SET DETAIL

FORM 1, PART 2 – TEST DATA

**TABLE 1 - MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS** 

FORM 1, PART 1 - CERTIFIED RESULTS

J2715: 1185-1245 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA - 90048



Department of Building and Safety Home



Report Execution Date: February 26, 2013 - 04:31 PM

Job Address(es) -

1) 1185 W. SUNSET BLVD., 90026

2) 1187 W. SUNSET BLVD., 90026

#### 1. PARCEL LEGAL DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:

**Legal Description:** 

Tract: ANGELENO HEIGHTS

Block: 31

Lot: 1 NO Arb:

NO Modifier:

MR 10-63/66 Map Reference Number for Tract Recordation:

136-5A211 272 Parcel ID Number; (PIN):

#### 2. BASIC ZONING INFORMATION FOR PARCEL:

Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone: NO

**Council District:** 1 NO

Community Redevelopment Area: 136-5A211 **District Map:** 

Flood Hazard Zone: NO Hillside Grading Area: YES

Hillside Ordinance Area: YES

Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Planning Area & Community Name:

<u>Valley</u>

**C2-1VL** Zone(s):

#### 3. GEOGRAPHICALLY ORIENTED" PARCEL INFORMATION:

Building and Safety Branch Office: LA

Census Tract: 1977.00

**Energy Zone:** 9 2 Fire District:

Methane Hazard Site: Methane Zone

Near Source Zone Distance: .4 Parcel Area (sqft):

6379.1

Thomas Brothers Map Grid:

1) 634-F1

2) 634-F2

#### 4. CITY DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PARCEL:

Affidavit:

AFF-14785

City Planning Cases:

CPC-1995-357-CPU

Ordinance:

1) ORD-165167-SA5540

2) ORD-176825-SA17

Zoning Administrator's Case:

ZA-1997-277-CUZ

Zoning Information File:

1) ZI-2129 EAST LOS ANGELES

STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE

2) ZI-2427 FWY Adj Advisory Notice

for Sensitive Uses

#### 5. OTHER PARCEL RELATED INFORMATION:

Seismic Gas Shut Off Valve Installed:

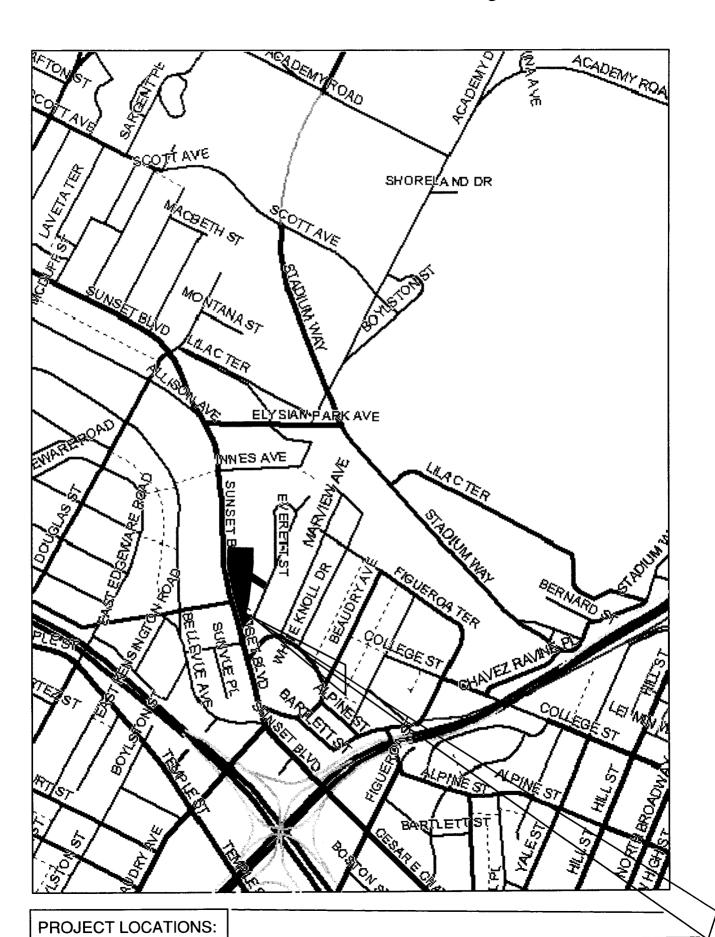
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## Parcel Profile Report Disclaimer

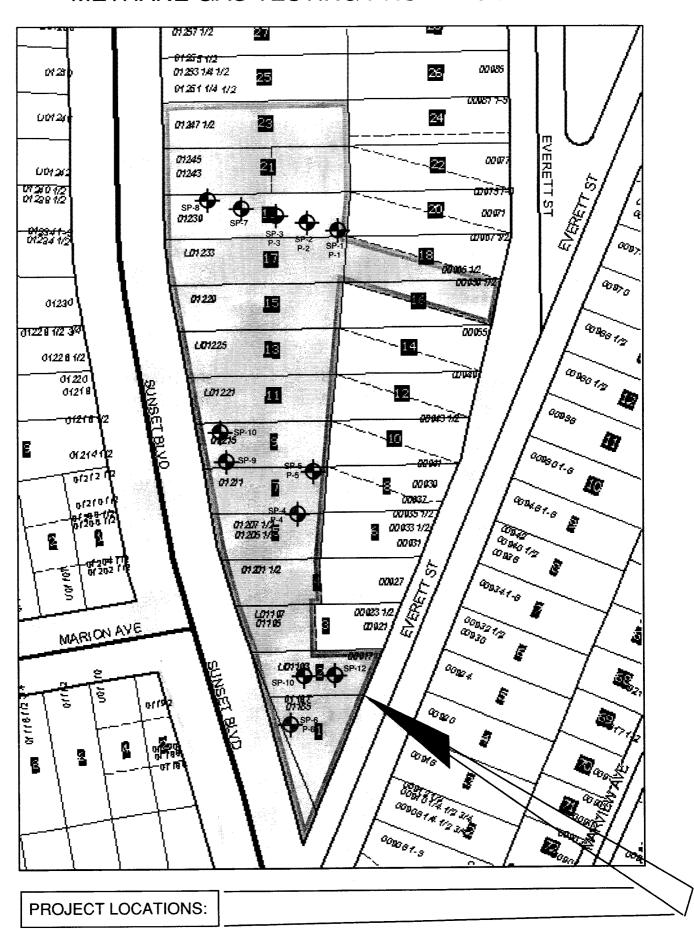
The purpose of this application is to allow easy access and visual display of city parcel legal and zoning information as a convenience to our customers. Every reasonable effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the data provided; nevertheless, some information may not be completely accurate and more importantly, it may need to be properly interpreted by city staff. The City of Los Angeles assumes no responsibility arising from the use of this information and it is provided without a warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied. We do not recommend basing important business, legal, or real estate transactions solely on this information without receiving validation and interpretation of the data from staff at your nearest LADBS branch office.

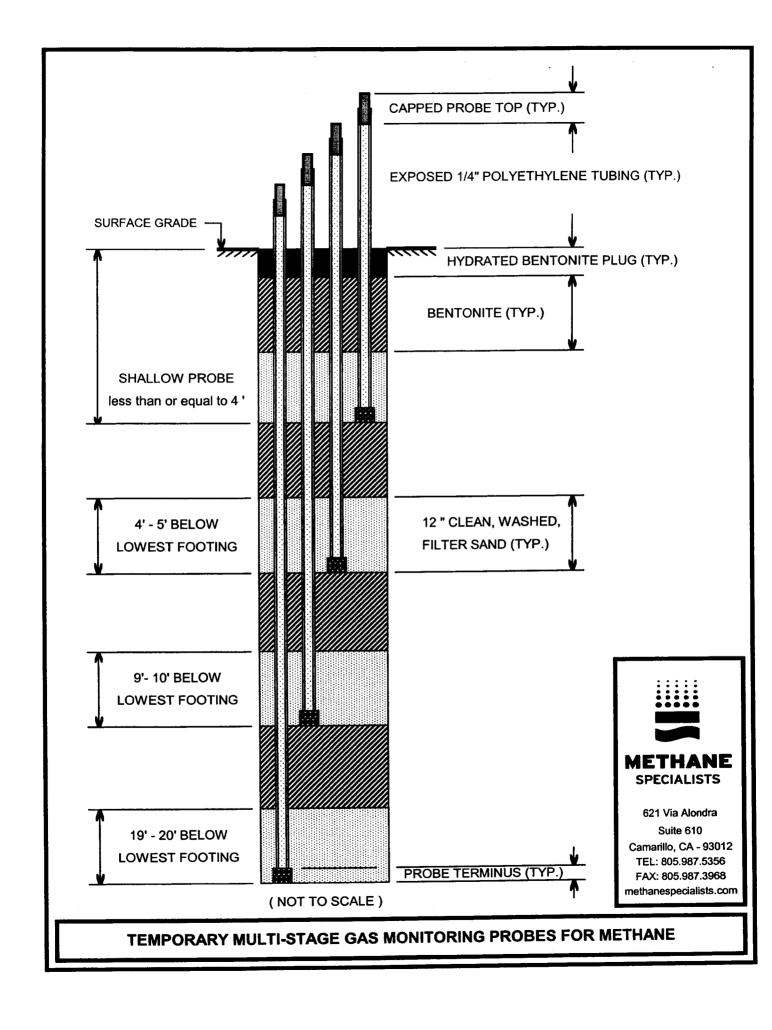
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# J2715: 1185-1245 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA - 90048 METHANE GAS TESTING PROBE LOCATIONS





Part 2: Test Data - Shallow Soil Gas Test and Gas Probe Test

Site Address: 1185 - 1245 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA - 90048

Job # <u>2715</u>

Description of Gas Analysis Instrument(s):

Instrument Name and Model: RKI Eagle Instrument Accuracy: 500 ppm/v.

City of Los Angeles Testing License #: 10202 Page

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			Stablized CH4	Pressure	Probe	Descriptions / Comments :
Date	Time	Probe	Concentration	(inches of water	Depth	- Refusal was <u>met</u> @ each deep probe ( see below
24.0		Set#	(ppmv)	column)	(feet)	- Groundwater was not met @ any probe
					(1001)	Groundwater was <u>instruct</u> & any prose
03/01/2013	8:27	SP-1	< 500	< 0.1	4	
11	8:21	P-1	< 500	< 0.1	5	
.,,	8:14	P-1	< 500	< 0.1	10	14 ppm/v peak H2S reading
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,,	8:56	SP-2	< 500	< 0.1	4	
1 1	8:45	P-2	< 500	< 0.1	5	30 ppm/v peak H2S reading
, ,	8:43	P-2		< 0.02	8	Low Flow
						& met refusal
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* 1	9:37 9:31	SP-3 P-3	< 500 < 500	< 0.1	<u>4</u> 5	12 ppm/v peak H2S reading
Ÿ ¶	9:31	P-3 P-3	< 500	< 0.1	10	12 ppin/v peak 1120 reading
* *	9:21	P-3	< 500	< 0.1	16	50 ppm/v peak H2S reading
	3.21	7 -3	1 000	10.7		& met refusal
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11	12:49	SP-4	< 500	< 0.1	4	
7 1	12:42	P-4	< 500	< 0.1	5	
	12:35	P-4	500	< 0.1	10	100 ppm/v peak H2S reading
11	12:34	P-4		< 0.03	16	Low Flow
						& met refusal
.,	1.00	05.5	. 500			
11	1:23	SP-5	< 500	< 0.1	4	Law Flam
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	1:12	P-5	< 500	< 0.1	12	100 ppm/v peak H2S reading & met refusal
	<del></del>					& met relusar
,,	3:00	SP-6	< 500	< 0.1	4	
1 1	2:55	P-6	< 500	< 0.1	5	
1 1	2:50	P-6		< 0.03	16	Low Flow
			***************************************			& met refusal
,,	9:52	SP-7	< 500	< 0.1	4	
	11:36	SP-8	500	< 0.1	4	100 ppm/v peak H2S reading
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r r	1:33	SP-9	500	< 0.1	4	30 ppm/v peak H2S reading
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,,	1:48	SP-10	< 500	< 0.1	4	10 ppm/v peak H2S reading
• •	2:15	SP-11	500	< 0.1	4	<= Maximum Stabilized CH4 Readings
11	2:26	SP-12	< 500	< 0.1	4	

	INSTRUMENTATION CALIBRATION RECORD:			WATER EN	<del>(Y)</del>	(N)	DEPTH:	( see above )		
DATE:	3/01/2012	TIME:	8:10 A.M.	INIT: D. R.	REFUSAL?	(Y)	(H)	DEPTH:	( see above )	
DATE:	3:04/2012	TIME:	9:10 A.M.	INIT: D. R.	COMMENTS:	"< 500 pp	=> "ND"			
DATE:		TIME:		INIT:	tester was Dan Rogers					

Part 2: Test Data - Shallow Soil Gas Test and Gas Probe Test

Site Address:

1185 - 1245 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA - 90048

Job # 2715

Description of Gas Analysis Instrument(s):

Instrument Name and Model:

RKI Eagle

Instrument Accuracy:

*500* 

ppm/v.

City of Los Angeles Testing License #:

10202 Page 2 of 2 Probe Stablized CH4 Pressure Descriptions / Comments: Probe Time Date Concentration (inches of water Depth Refusal was met @ each deep probe ( see below ) Set# (ppmv) column) (feet) Groundwater was not met @ any probe 03/04/2013 8:27 SP-1 < 500 < 0.1 4 8:21 P-1 < 500 < 0.1 5 P-1 < 0.02 8:14 8 Low Flow ---& previously met refusal SP-2 8:56 < 500 < 0.1 4 P-2 < 500 500 ppm/v peak CH4 reading 8:45 < 0.1 5 8:43 P-2 < 0.02 8 Low Flow & previously met refusal 9:37 SP-3 < 500 < 0.1 4 P-3 < 500 < 0.1 5 9:31 9:26 P-3 < 500 < 0.1 10 7.7 9:21 P-3 < 500 < 0.1 16 previously met refusal SP-4 12:49 < 500 < 0.1 4 12:42 P-4 < 500 < 0.1 5 Low Flow P-4 12:35 < 0.01 10 12:34 P-4 < 0.02 16 Low Flow & previously met refusal SP-5 < 0.1 1:23 < 500 4 P-5 < 0.1 5 1:17 < 500 P-5 < 0.02 Low Flow 1:12 5 & previously met refusal 3:00 SP-6 < 500 < 0.1 4 2:55 P-6 *500* < 0.1 5 2:50 P-6 \_\_\_ < 0.03 16 Low Flow & previously met refusal ,, 9:52 SP-7 < 0.1 4 < 500 11:36 SP-8 < 500 < 0.1 4 ,, SP-9 500 < 0.1 4 500 ppm/v peak H2S reading 1:33 1:48 SP-10 500 < 0.1 4 2:15 SP-11 < 500 < 0.1 4 4 2:26 SP-12 < 500 < 0.1

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TABLE 1A - MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR METHANE ZONE											
SITE DESIGN LEVEL			LEV	LEVEL I		LEVEL II		LEVEL III		LIV	LEVEL V
DESIGN METHANE CONCENTRATION (ppmv)			0 -	0 - 100		101 - 1,000		1,001 - 5,000		12,500	>12,500
	DESIGN METHANE PRESSURE (inches of water column)			>2"	<u>&lt;2"</u>	>2"	<u>&lt;</u> 2"	>2"	<u>&lt;</u> 2"	>2"	ALL PRESSURES
	DE-WATERING SYSTEM *			<b>x</b> *	x*	x*	x*	x*	x*	x*	x*
N.	_	PERFORATED HORIZONTAL PIPES	х	х	X	x	х	X	Х	x	x
PASSIVE SYSTEM	SUB-SLAB VENT SYSTEM	GRAVEL BLANKET UNDER MEMBRANE	2"	2"	2"	3"	2"	3"	2"	4"	4"
ASSIVE	SUB- VENT S	GRAVEL THICKNESS SURROUNDING PIPES	2"	2"	2"	3"	2"	3"	2"	4"	4"
		VENT RISERS	х	х	X	X	х	X	X	х	X
	IMPERVIOUS MEMBRANE					X	Х	X	X	х	X
	SUB-SLAB VENT SYSTEM	PRESSURE SENSORS UNDER MEMBRANE								х	x
5	SUB-	MECHANICAL EXTRACTION SYSTEM								Х	x
SYSTE	UPIED TEM	GAS DETECTION SYSTEM				х	х	х	Х	х	x
ACTIVE SYSTEM	ST OCCUI	MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM		х		X	х	X	X	х	x
	LOWEST (	ALARM SYSTEM		х		X	X	X	X	X	x
	CON		x		X	Х	X	X	X	X	
ĒM	TRE	х	х	X	X	X	х	Х	х	x	
MISC. SYSTEM	CON SEA	х	х	X	X	Х	х	х	х	x	
MISC	ADD									X	

<sup>&</sup>quot;X" => Required, as per the Methane Code of the City of Los Angeles.

De-Watering not required when the maximum historical high groundwater table elevation, or projected post-construction groundwater level, is more than twelve inches below the bottom of the perforated horizontal pipes.

FORM 1 - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR METHANE TEST DATA P/BC 2002-101 Part 1: Certification Sheet 1185 - 1245 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA - 90048 2715 Site Address: Job No. Legal Description: Tract: **ANGELINO HEIGHTS** Lot: 1 through 23 Block: "New 200+ Unit Apartment Complex" over "two Subterranean Parking Levels" **Building Use:** Name of Architect, Engineer, or Geologist: Architect's, Engineer's or Geologist's Stamp Kirby N. Arriola, P.E. Mailing Address: Methane Specialists 621 Via Alondra, # 610 Camarillo, CA - 93012 (805) 987-5356 Telephone: Name of Testing Laboratory: Methane Specialists City Test Lab License #: 10202 (805) 987-5356 Telephone: I hereby certify that I have tested the above site for the purposes of methane mitigation and that all procedures were conducted by a City of Los Angeles licensed testing agency in conformity with the requirements of the LADBS Information Bulletin P/BC 2002-101. Where the inspection and testing of all or part of the work above is delegated, full responsibility shall be assumed by the architect, engineer or geologist whose signature is affixed hereon. Date: 4 May 2013 **Required Data:** 

- \* Project is in the (Methane Zone) or (Methane Buffer Zone).
- below the Impervious Membrane \* Depth of Groundwater observed during testing: >1'
- \* Depth of Historical High Ground Water Table Elevation\*: >1' **below** the Impervious Membrane
- parts per million in volume (ppm/v). \* Design Methane Concentration\*\*: *500*
- \* Design Methane Pressure Value\*\*\*: inches of water column. < 0.1

Site Design Level 1, Level 1, Level 1, Level 11, Level 11, Level 11, Level 11, Level 11, Level 11, Level 12, Level 13, Level 14, Level 14, Level 15, Level 15, Level 16, Level 16, Level 17, Level 17, Level 17, Level 17, Level 17, Level 18, Level 1

#### **Dewatering:**

- \* Dewatering (is) (is not) required for methane mitigation per Section 91.7104.3.7. (but still subject to Geotech Report)
- \* Pump discharge rate not provided cubic feet per minute per reference geology or soil report:

dated

#### Additional Investigation:

\* Additional Investigation (was) (was not) conducted.

#### Latest Grading on Site:

- \* Date of last grading on site (was) (was not) more than 30 days before Site Testing.
- \* See Attached explanation of the effect on soil gas survey results by grading operations.

#### Notes:

- \* Historical High Ground Water Table Elevation shall mean the highest recorded elevation of ground water based on historical records and field investigations as determined by the engineer for the methane mitigation system.
- \*\* Design Methane Concentration shall mean the highest recorded measured methane concentration from either Shallow Soil Gas Test or any Probe Set on the site.
- \*\*\* Design Methane Pressure shall mean the highest total pressure measured for any Gas Probe Set on the site.