Notice and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Liability Protection for the Town of Plymouth Regarding Certain Town Property

The Office of the Attorney General has been asked to extend liability protection to the Town of Plymouth (the "Town"), in the form of an Amendment to a Brownfields Covenant Not to Sue Agreement pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E, § 3A(j)(3) and 940 CMR 23.00, with respect to certain property located on Water Street in Plymouth, Massachusetts (the "Town Property"). Third parties who may have claims with regard to the Town Property are hereby notified that: (1) the execution of the requested Amendment may affect such claims, and (2) third parties whose rights may be affected may comment on the requested extension of liability protection. Parties who wish to do so must deliver such comments in writing to the Office of the Attorney General, Attn: Nancy Harper, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, by Monday, February 20, 2006, or mail such comments to the same address by first-class mail postmarked by that date.

The Town is the current owner of the Town Property which is currently used as a parking lot and is located on the eastern side of Water Street in Plymouth, immediately to the south of and adjacent to the property with the street address of 225 Water Street, and across Water Street from the property with the street address of 216 Water Street. The Town Property consists of those parcels of land which are referred to as Lots 46A, 46C, 51, 54 and 55 on Plat 12 of the Town Assessors' Maps and described in that certain deed dated August 6, 1973 to Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth, which is recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 3933, Page 617.

The Town seeks liability protection from potential claims of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for response action costs, contribution, or injunctive relief, for those releases of oil and/or hazardous material at or from the Town Property that are (a) the result of historic waste disposal operations at or from the property located at 216 Water Street (the "Revere Property"), (b) associated with and included within the larger site known as the Revere Copper and Brass Disposal Site and identified by Release Tracking Number 4-0770, and (c) to be addressed by the Town through a temporary solution under the MCP (the "Covered Releases at or from the Town Property"). The Town also seeks liability protection from potential claims brought by third parties for contribution, response action costs or property damage pursuant to G.L. c. 21E, §§ 4 and 5, or for property damage under common law, except for liability arising under a contract, for the Covered Releases at or from the Town Property. The Covered Releases at or from the Town Property shall be described and delineated in a Class C Response Action Outcome ("RAO") Statement to be submitted by the Town to the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), and shall otherwise be more specifically identified and determined by DEP, if such determination is warranted prior to the submission of such Class C RAO Statement.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information may contact Town counsel, John W. Giorgio, Kopelman and Paige, P.C., Park Square Building, 31 St. James Avenue, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02116 -- telephone: (617) 556-0007, email: jgiorgio@k-plaw.com.