February 13, 2014

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing to you today as part of our continuing efforts to keep our neighbors informed about KCBX’s operations and the progress we’ve made to address concerns regarding the handling of petroleum coke and other bulk materials at our facility.

In my letter to you in December, I detailed some of the steps we’ve taken since acquiring our South facility from DTE Energy in late 2012, including the installation of advanced weather monitoring and dust suppression systems, as well as our work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to monitor air quality near our facilities.

Our new dust suppression system at the KCBX South facility is now operational, and we observed no dust during the powerful wind storm that hit the area this past November. In addition, we expect to have our air monitors installed and operational in the coming weeks. These air monitors will provide comprehensive, 24-hour data that will be reviewed by professional air quality scientists at an independent laboratory and shared with the U.S. EPA. The results will also be available to the public and posted on our website.

We also recently worked with an independent environmental expert to conduct testing of surfaces and soil in the neighborhoods near our facilities. Sixty-nine samples were collected from public areas surrounding our site in November and early December, and analysis of the samples suggest that our new controls are working. No unusual levels of dust particles associated with petcoke or coal were present in the test area. The full analysis of these test results is available at www.aboutpetcoke.com.

KCBX has the utmost respect for our neighbors and we are committed to doing the right thing. We have 40 employees in Southeast Chicago whose families depend on the jobs we provide, so we are going to make every effort to work with the city and state to ensure that our operations remain compliant, and that we can continue to serve as a valued member of the local economy. This includes our willingness to consider building a structure to cover the coal and petroleum coke at our facility. However, there are a number of practical issues that must first be resolved with the city and state before we consider making such a significant investment, including the approval of an interim operating plan and the establishment of clear and achievable compliance standards.

As a company and as your neighbor, we are committed to keeping you informed, and we value your opinions. I encourage you to visit our website at www.aboutpetcoke.com, where you will find detailed information about our operations in Chicago and be able to share your concerns or questions with our team.

Sincerely,

Mike Estadt, Terminal Manager
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