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October 30, 2018

**HCA Investments** 

Attention: Mr. Jeremy Jaggi 4287 Harrison Boulevard, #135

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Re: Reconnaissance-Level Geologic Hazard Evaluation

3-Acre Lot Subdivision 2277 East 5850 South Ogden, Utah 84403

Parcel No. 070860065 (west portion)

Project No. 187081

Mr. Jaggi:

This letter summarizes our geologic reconnaissance for the subject property located in Ogden, Utah. Our scope of work consisted of observing the subject lot and a review of available geologic studies, aerial photography, and LIDAR (Light Detection And Ranging) data to identify the geologic hazards present.

## Geologic Setting and Site Reconnaissance

The subject property is located near the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake in a valley between the Great Salt Lake Basin and the Wasatch Mountain Range. The valley and Great Salt Lake Basin were formed by extensional tectonics during the Tertiary and Quaternary geologic periods. The valley and Great Salt Lake Basin, and much of western Utah, were previously covered by Lake Bonneville, a large, Pleistocene age, fresh water lake that reached a high-stand surface elevation of approximately 5,170 feet above sea level. The Great Salt Lake is a remnant of Lake Bonneville. The valleys and lake basin to the west of the Wasatch Range have been partially filled with several thousand feet of lake (lacustrine) sediment during Lake Bonneville time, and post-Bonneville (Holocene) deltaic, lacustrine, alluvial, and colluvial deposits. The Wasatch Mountains to the east of the subject property are comprised of the early Proterozoic Farmington Canyon Complex consisting primarily of schist and gneiss. The surficial geology at the location of the subject site has been mapped as "Provo-shoreline and regressive alluvial and deltaic deposits (upper Pleistocene) – Cobbly gravel, sand, silt, and clay deposited above (subaerial) and in Lake Bonneville (subaqueous)" by Adolph Yonkee and Mike Lowe (2016).

The property is located on the north side of Eastwood Boulevard at an elevation that ranges between approximately 4,823 and 4824 feet above sea level. It is a flat property located on a wide and flat bench that stretches approximately ½ mile from the Wasatch Mountains to the northeast to Utah Highway 89 to the southwest. The property is located approximately 700 feet southwest of the Wasatch Mountain slope and approximately 2,400 feet northeast of the slope northeast of Highway 89. The area of the property is mapped by Coogan and King 2016¹ as the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Utah Geological Survey OFR 653: Interim geologic map of the Ogden 30' x 60' quadrangle, Weber, Box Elder, *Earthtec Engineering* 

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A reconnaissance of the site was conducted by a professional geologist on October 23, 2018. The subject site is currently vacant and undeveloped. The surface of the site was covered by grass and weeds, and occasional trees. There were no structures at the property, but a large metal bin, wood pallets, bricks and a pile of broken concrete in the southwest side of the property and a semi-trailer on the west side of the property. There were no notable natural or man-made features at the property, other than fences on the perimeter.

No evidence of faulting was observed at the site. The nearest fault is Wasatch Fault located approximately 1,900 feet to the northeast of the site. We did not observe surface features that would be produced by a landslide, and no landslides have been mapped on the subject site. No other known geologic hazards are present at the site.

Based on Yonkee & Lowe (2004)<sup>2</sup> the nearest landslide is to the northeast of the site (labeled Qms<sub>2</sub> in the attached geologic map).

Based on a review of available geological hazard maps, visual observations of the subject site for features related to fault, mass movement, and debris flow, a review of aerial photography, LIDAR data, and geologic maps of this area, it is our opinion that the potential for mass movement or surface faulting at the property is low.

Seismic ground shaking from the Wasatch Fault is not addressed in this letter and the residential buildings are typically designed according to the International Residential Code (IRC 2015). We did not conduct subsurface explorations at the site. As such, we cannot comment on the global stability of the site or on the engineering properties of the soils. Potential future discovery of faults and modifications to this site such as road cuts and other cuts in the slope, the addition of water such as the installation of septic field or watering the lawn or diversion of natural surface water into on near the subject site may change conditions sufficiently to cause activation of a slide in sloped areas.

The information presented in this letter applies only to the subject lot observed. Other areas were not observed during our observation. The observation presented in this letter was conducted within the limits prescribed by our client. No warranty or representation is intended in our proposals, contracts, reports, or letters.

We appreciate the opportunity of providing our services on this project. If we can answer questions or be of further service, please call.

Respectfully;

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Frank F. Namdar, P.G. Professional Geologist

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Attachments:

Site Boundaries Geologic Maps LDAR Image Timothy A. Mitchell, P.E. Senior Engineer

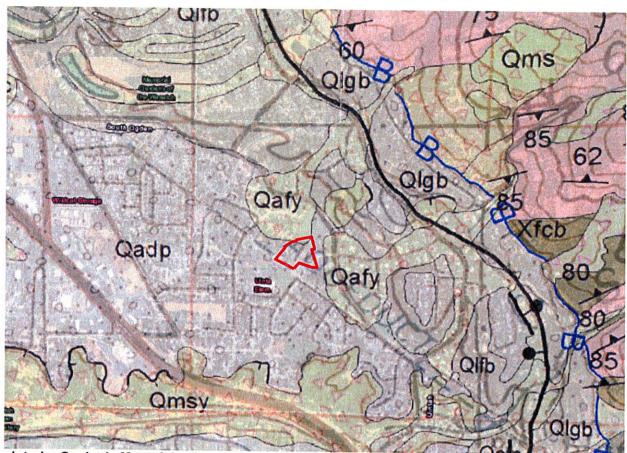
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Site Boundaries





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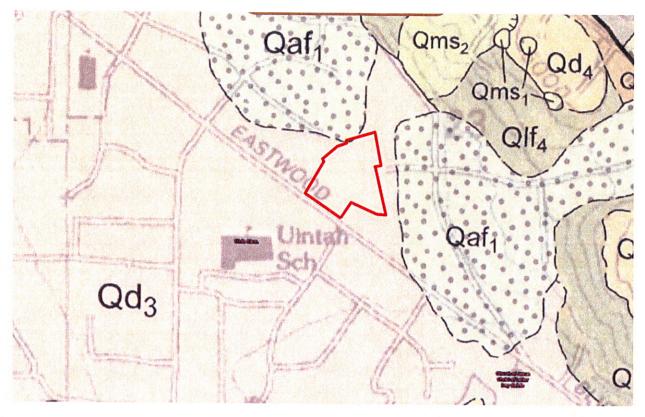
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 $Qd_3$ 

Deltaic deposits, Bonneville regressive— Main part of unit includes foreset beds of rhythmically interlayered, gently inclined, fine to medium sand and silt, and topset beds of clast-supported, moderately to well-sorted, pebble and cobble gravel and gravelly sand; gravels contain rounded to subrounded clasts; deposited when Lake Bonneville was at and regressing from Provo shoreline; forms large, gently westward-inclined surface that was locally reworked along regressive shorelines; total thickness locally as much as 30 meters (100 ft). Unit also includes moderately to well-sorted, pebble and cobble gravel in smaller terraces more than 30 meters (100 ft) above modern stream level that are graded to delta deposits and shorelines above the Gilbert level; exposed thickness of terrace gravels up to 6 meters (20 ft).

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