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To: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: 125 Cedar

Ellen,

As a follow-up to my voice mail today, the special conditions for Apartment **PII** will be addressed under section 16 on page 3 of the Scope of Work. To summarize, the contractor who is selected will be given the special conditions for each apartment as supplied to us (DEP) or that each tenant leaves taped to his or her apartment door (if they prefer).

Regarding the fireplace, it is our professional opinion that the brick be free of any coating so that when the aggressive air monitoring is done we can confirm that the cleaning was effective. We have included in the scope that the fireplace in 7S be hepa vac'd in addition to the other cleaning specs of the contract. Also, we are concerned about damaging the appearance to the brickwork since our contractors are not qualified in that type of work. However, to address the tenants' concerns, we will be asking the building owner to undertake their requests to encapsulate the brickwork when he begins his work. I don't think this will be a problem; he has been very cooperative with us to date.

I would have had an answer for you today, but Joe left for vacation until Tuesday of next week. Speaking of vacations, I too will be off starting tomorrow, August 23. If you need anything, please call Penny Theodorellys at (718) 595-3657. She is Krish's deputy and very familiar with the contracts. Also, you can always contact, Deputy Commissioner Robert Avaltroni (my boss) at (718) 595-4418. Thanks for all your help.

Mike



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Dear PII

This is to confirm my recent telephone conversation with PII regarding the cleaning activities at 125 Cedar Street and specifically the firebrick in your apartment.

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed a site-specific Scope of Work and environmental sampling plan for 125 Cedar Street. This plan was developed over the summer of 2002 and included input from both the building owner and tenants of 125 Cedar, as well as the agencies mentioned above. The cleaning activities were to be performed by a certified asbestos contractor. Sampling and air monitoring were to be conducted by a licensed air monitoring company and all samples were to be analyzed by a New York State accredited lab. As you know, the monitoring and cleanup activities started on September 12, 2002.

The Scope of Work did not include coating or encapsulating any surfaces prior to the performance of environmental sampling. DEP did ensure that the firebricks in your apartment were appropriately cleaned prior to any final environmental sampling.

Based on your request in late August for the sealing of said firebricks, DEP staff contacted Samson Management to ascertain if this request was something that they might undertake, since it was not required in the Scope of Work. Mr. Joseph Masino of Samson Management indicated at that time that his company would undertake this task after the environmental sampling was performed.

I hope this letter clears up any lingering confusion. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Michael Gilson
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