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Mr. Karl Wetherholt P.E.  
Gahanna City Engineer  
200 South Hamilton Road

March 7, 2000

Dear Karl,

TriCar Ltd is pleased to submit this proposal to perform a limited environmental evaluation of the Helman property located along Price Road in the City of Gahanna. It is our understanding that the City is interested in purchasing this property and would like to conduct a cursory review of its environmental condition. While this evaluation is not intended to replace a formal Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA1), TriCar will record and develop this investigation in a manner that will allow its incorporation into a ESA1 should the City decide to do so in the future.

## Task 1

TriCar will obtain a copy of the property topographic base map (Franklin County Auditor Map) from the City of Gahanna's Engineering Department. This map will be used to record the location of all samples collected as a part of this investigation. In addition TriCar will visit the site with the City Engineer to identify any specific sample locations which the city would like to be evaluated. The remaining portion of the property will be evaluated based on a random grid sampling scheme (see Task 2). TriCar assumes that the City will provide written Right of Entry onto the property from the existing land owner.

## Task 2

TriCar understands that the city is not interested in laboratory soil and water analyses at this time. Therefore, the evaluation of this site will be limited to *field head space screening* conducted on shallow soil samples (1 foot depth) collected with a hand auger. All soil samples will be placed in a labeled zip-lock plastic bag and sealed. The bag(s) will be placed in a heated environment for approximately 15 minutes. Using a Thermo-Environmental Model 580-B photoionization detector (PID), TriCar will pierce the sample bag with the PID sample tip and record the concentration of the total organic vapors detected by the PID. While this field screening technique does not identify the

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type or concentration of a particular contaminant it does provide an indication of the potential presence of organic compounds which may be related to or emanating from contamination present in the soil. In the event that suspicious readings are found at the site, additional sampling and laboratory analysis would be required to determine the composition of the compound detected by the PID during field screening. TriCar will set up a sampling grid that will provide for the collection of approximately two samples per acre. Additionally six samples will be screened at other specific locations of interest (as determined by the City Engineer).

### Task 3

Once the above activities have been completed, TriCar will evaluate the data collected and prepare a letter report of the findings. The report will include recommendations based on the information collected.

This investigation effort can be performed for the lump sum fee of \$2980.00, including the preparation of 6 copies of the letter report and all expenses associated with the work. We anticipate that this work can be completed within 45 days following receipt of a Notice to Proceed and a signed Right of Entry from the existing land owner. Fees are based on the following cost breakdown:

2men, 2days fieldwork and prep (32 man hours)	\$2,080.00
10 hours report wright-up	\$650.00
Instrument rental and supplies	\$200.00
Office support and Misc.	<u>\$50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,980.00</b>

As always, TriCar Ltd. appreciates this opportunity to be of service to the City of Gahanna. If you have any questions or comments relating to this proposal, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely  
TriCar Ltd.

Ron Trivisonno, P.E.