

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
PROPOSED BROWNFIELD AGREEMENT SITE**

Pursuant to the Mississippi Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Act Mississippi Code Annotated Sections § 49-35-1 through § 49-35-27 (Act), notice is hereby given that Castle Starkville, LLC has submitted an application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to enter into a Brownfield Agreement with the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (MCEQ) with regard to a tract of land located in Section: 4, Township: 18N, Range: 14E, Starkville, Mississippi and more particularly described as the former Garan Manufacturing facility (AI#77445). The proposed Brownfield Agreement Site previously operated as Garan Manufacturing which on site buildings were discovered to have asbestos containing materials. Castle Starkville, LLC has agreed that the proposed remediation measures will be an asbestos mitigation and abatement during site redevelopment, filing a land use restriction with the property deed, and entering into a Brownfield Agreement. The proposed future land use of the site will be a 90,000 sq. ft. mixed-use retail space. The Brownfield Agreement Site will be subject to an environmental covenant restricting the future site use, including all impacted media.

The staff of the MCEQ has evaluated the proposed Brownfield Agreement and believes that, with the conditions and restrictions contained within the proposed Brownfield Agreement, the site will be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws and standards and will be protective of the public health and the environment once the Brownfield Agreement is completed. Therefore, the staff of the MCEQ has made a preliminary decision, based on available information, to recommend to the MCEQ that the proposed Brownfield Agreement be approved. Based on site specific public health and environmental risks as provided by the Act, MDEQ believes the remedial action including an Environmental Covenant and Brownfield Agreement will be protective of human health and the environment.

The public is invited to submit any written comments regarding the proposed Brownfield Agreement no later than close of business on August 25, 2020, to Thomas Wallace at:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, Mississippi 39225
Phone: 601-961-5728

All comments received by that date will be part of the record and considered in the formulation of a final decision in this matter. A copy of the proposed Brownfield Agreement is available for inspection and copying at the offices of the MDEQ located at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, MS by calling (601) 961-5758. A copy of the proposed brownfield agreement is also available for inspection at the county courthouse of

Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. It is expected that the MCEQ will consider the proposed Brownfield Agreement during its regular meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 515 E. Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi (or via teleconference).