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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
ON THE
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

PROJECT NAME : Cisco Systems Buxborough Campus
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Buxborough and Harvard
PROJECT WATERSHED : Merrimack
EOEA NUMBER : 6761
PROJECT PROPONENT : Cisco Development Partners
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : October 24, 2001

As Secretary of Environmental Affairs, I hereby determine that the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report submitted on the above project **adequately and properly complies** with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and with its implementing regulations (301 CMR 11.00).

This Supplemental EIR was required in response to a Notice of Project Change (NPC) filed in June of 2001. That NPC identified a project that included the addition of 500,000 square feet (sf) of office space to the original 900,000 sf of office space approved in the earlier EIRs, and the elimination of the proposed 18 hole golf course. The additional office space will be developed on land that was proposed for a portion of the golf course.

The Certificate on the NPC required a Supplemental EIR to address issues relating to transportation, water use, Executive



Order #385, and to respond to the issues raised in the comments received on the NPC. I find that the Supplemental EIR has provided the required information and that no further MEPA review is required.

Transportation

The SEIR has reanalyzed potential traffic impacts, using more conservative trip generation assumptions. The proponent has now committed to a full range of transportation measures.

While I acknowledge the concerns expressed in the attached comments, particularly those relating to traffic on Littleton County Road and Whitcomb Avenue, I find that the SEIR has analyzed the issues as required. The 1,500 daily trips estimated on this route represent a worst-case scenario which the improvements made at Route 111 and Route I-495 are likely to substantially reduce. Nevertheless, I encourage the proponent to ~~further encourage employees to use the Swanson Road access and~~ egress to the extent maximum practicable.

Water Use

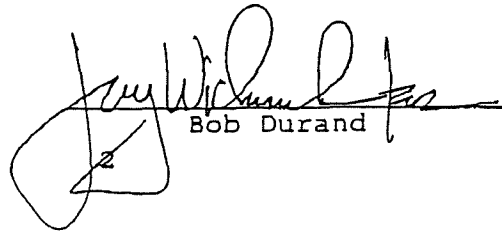
The SEIR describes a range of measures to reduce impacts on water supply, wastewater, and stormwater, including the use of reclaimed water for toilet flushing, and separate stormwater systems for each project phase. Should Phase 2 require ~~development of an additional water supply well,~~ a Notice of Project Change will be required.

Executive Order #385/Mitigation of Regional Impacts

The SEIR describes a range of commitments aimed at mitigating regional impacts upon the neighboring towns of Harvard, Acton, and Littleton (See SEIR, Table 2-5). Additionally, the comments of the regional planning authorities, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination, and Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission have commended the proponent for its responsiveness to these regional issues.

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Comments received :

Acton Planning Department
Ball, Cathy
Boxborough Business Association
Boxborough Planning Board
Citizens to Protect Residential Harvard
Dodd, Sara and Green, Nancy
Dufour, Lorraine
Faraci, Charles
Ferrante, Kristen
Gallagher, Joe and Judy
Harvard Board of Selectmen
Hevenor, Keith and Kristina
Krusen, George
MAGIC
Massachusetts Highway Department
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Miller, Kenneth
Miyares, Raymond
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
Murray, Sandy and David
Peterson, Cornelius
Recco, Mark
Representative Hall
Ruscak, Stephen
Sacchetti, Eros
Shutt, Phil
Smith, Edith
Smith, Paul
Toronto, John
Towle, Bonnie
Vokes, Cynthia and Gregory

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