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### **Office of Inspector General Debars former City Contractors BBEK Environmental, LLC, Kevin Woods, HC Consultants, James Harvey, Green Way Environmental and William Scully**

DETROIT – On July 14, 2022, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued its Final Determination of Debarment for BBEK Environmental, LLC, Kevin Woods, HC Consultants, James Harvey, Green Way Environmental and William Scully. The Debarment period as well as the effective date vary according to the following:

- BBEK Environmental, LLC shall be debarred for 20 years with an effective date of August 5, 2019 and an end date of August 5, 2039.
- Kevin Woods, owner of BBEK Environmental, LLC, shall be debarred for 20 years with an effective date of August 9, 2019 and an end date of August 9, 2039.
- HC Consultants shall be debarred for 20 years with an effective date of August 5, 2019 and an end date of August 5, 2039.
- James Harvey, owner of HC Consultants, shall be debarred for 5 years with an effective date of August 9, 2019 and an end date of August 9, 2024.
- Green Way Environmental shall be debarred for 20 years with an effective date of August 5, 2019 and an end date of August 5, 2039.
- William Scully, owner of Green Way Environmental, shall be debarred for 5 years with an effective date of August 9, 2019 and an end date of August 9, 2024.

In August 2019, the OIG issued an interim suspension to BBEK, Mr. Woods, HC Consulting, Mr. Harvey, Green Way, and Mr. Scully. The OIG's preliminary review of records and information suggested that these companies and their owners engaged in improper and possible criminal activity which included violations of the Asbestos Abatement Contractors Licensing Act (the Act). Therefore, the OIG referred the matter to the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP) and issued interim suspensions because BBEK, Green Way, and HC Consultants perform asbestos abatement services which could impact the health, safety, and welfare of Detroit residents.

The OIG placed its investigation on hold pending the outcome of the criminal investigation and the resulting prosecution by the Michigan Attorney General's Office. Because the matter was



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referred to SIGTARP, the OIG could not pursue further investigation of this matter or initiate further actions against the parties named above, such as debarment, until the conclusion of the criminal investigation and any resulting prosecution.

On June 2, 2022, Kevin Woods pled guilty to one count of false pretenses for a violation of the Act and was sentenced to two years of probation, restitution for underreported Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) fees, and one hundred hours of community service.

Inspector General Ha stated, “Conducting business with the City of Detroit can be lucrative for the contractors, but the contractors must understand that the agreed upon engagement is for the benefit of the public. They must understand that we trusted them to abide by the law and to the terms of the contract. As such, we will hold them accountable if they violate that trust. This is how we ensure honesty and integrity in our government.”

The OIG extends its thanks to the Detroit Land Bank Authority for referring this matter to our Office for investigation. We also extend our thanks to the Michigan Attorney General’s Office and SIGTARP for their diligence in acting on the referral from our Office.

“We commend the Detroit OIG for issuing the 20-year disbarment of Kevin Woods, president of BBEK Environmental,” said Melissa Bruce, Acting Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program. “Mr. Woods defrauded the Blight Elimination Program and put residents of Michigan at risk by violating asbestos abatement air monitoring regulations.”

The Full OIG report can be found at:

<https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2022-07/Final%20BBEK%20Debarment%20Report.pdf>

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