STATE OF MICHIGAN WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

SOUTH DEARBORN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC., a Michigan non-profit corporation; DETROITERS WORKING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, a Michigan nonprofit corporation; ORIGINAL UNITED CITIZENS OF SOUTHWEST DETROIT, a Michigan non-profit corporation; and SIERRA CLUB, a California corporation,

Appellants,

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, a Department of the Executive Branch of the State of Michigan; and DAN WYANT, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Appellees.

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Hon. Robert L. Ziolkowski

14-008887-AA APPELLANTS' OBJECTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE MY OFFICE RECORD, NE COUNTY CLERK OR, ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO DIRECT M. GARRETT APPELLEE TO FILE COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

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2. Appellants specifically request inclusion of the following categories of omitted documents:

- a. Documents related to Severstal's compliance with air regulation and permits (including, without limit, Exhibits 1 through 6 attached to this motion);
- b. Documents evidencing MDEQ decisions to deny the air permit, and reversal of those decisions (including, without limit, Exhibit 7 to this motion);
- c. MDEQ documents evaluating Severstal's "grandfathering" arguments that the company should be exempt from Clean Air Act requirements passed since 2005 (including, without limit, Exhibit 8 to this motion);
- d. Documents related to a unlawful "extension agreement" entered by MDEQ and Severstal (including, without limit, Exhibits 9 through 11 to this motion);
- e. Documents related to the MDEQ Executive Office's direct participation in the permit negotiations (including, without limit, Exhibit 12 to this motion);
- f. Documents related to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's intervention in the permit negotiations (including, without limit, Exhibits 4, 5, 6, 7, and 13 through 30 to this motion);
- g. Documents related to the original air permit in this matter; and
- h. Other documents absent from the filed record (including, without limit, Exhibits 31 through 35 to this motion).
- 3. MDEQ issued a new air pollution permit to Severstal on May 12, 2014, over

Appellants' objections. The new permit is titled Permit to Install (PTI) No. 182-05C ("the

Permit"). The Permit allows Severstal to emit hundreds more tons of air pollution into Appellants' communities than Severstal was allowed to emit under its prior permit.

4. Appellants filed a Claim of Appeal challenging the Permit on July 10, 2014.

5. MDEQ filed an incomplete Administrative Record on August 4, 2014.

6. On August 8, Appellants notified MDEQ of substantial gaps identified in the filed Administrative Record.

7. There are likely additional gaps in the Administrative Record that are not identifiable by Appellants.

8. Michigan Court Rule 7.109(A)(2) provides that the contents of the record for a circuit court appeal of an agency decision is defined in MCR 7.210(A)(2), which in turn provides that the record includes all documents and files of the agency.

9. MDEQ has failed to file all the documents and files related to the Permit, as required by MCR 7.109(A)(2) and 7.210(A)(2).

10. Appellants request the Court order MDEQ to file the complete Administrative Record, including (without limit) the documents identified in Paragraph 2, above.

Respectfully Submitted:

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