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Planning and Environment Committee
The Corporation of the City of London
Building Division, Room 708
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6A 4L9

To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: EMCO Corporation Building – 1108 Dundas Street, London, Ontario
Inventory of Heritage Resources**

We have been retained to act on behalf of EMCO Corporation ("Client"), the owner of the building located at 1108 Dundas Street, City of London ("City"), Province of Ontario ("Building").

On July 24, 2017 our Client submitted a letter to Council in response to a letter it received from the City dated July 18, 2017 indicating that the City was recommending that its Building be added to the Register (*Inventory of Heritage Resources*), pursuant to section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. We note that this recommendation was made without contacting our Client and absent any investigation into the Building. Our letter reviewed the detailed construction history associated with the Building, referred to the demolition and reconstruction activities in support of the significant alterations that have been made to the Building over the past 2½ decades. We can advise that there are no identifying features left of the original Building design which can be confirmed by checking the City's records.

At the City of Council's meeting of July 25, 2017 it referred this matter to the Planning and Environment Committee ("Committee") for consideration. We ask that our Client be consulted throughout the Committee's consideration of this matter so it can provide the information necessary to allow the Committee to make an informed decision on this issue.

We reiterate the comments in our letter dated July 24, 2017 to City of London Council and confirm again that there are no heritage aspects remaining on this Building due to the significant alterations that have been undertaken; all of which were completed with City approval. We also note that the interior of the Building has also been subject of numerous renovations including a significant renovation in the late 1990s.

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Our Client opposes the addition of our Client's property to the Register to identify it as a cultural heritage property on the basis that it has been identified as being important to the community. This action disregards the City's earlier approvals of the demolition permits and significant renovations to the Building that has altered the original design.

The London Advisory Committee on Heritage ("LACH") has failed to provide any information in support of its recommendation. For the City to take this step absent any research of its own records is without merit and causes significant harm to our Client.

We trust that the Committee will take this letter into consideration, review the City records relating to our Client's Building, and refuse the recommendation to list our Client's Building on the Register. We ask you to note that our Client has consistently worked cooperatively with the City and is willing to meet with City representatives to discuss this issue in more detail or schedule a tour of the Building.

In our letter to Council we requested notification of any meetings both informal and formal or discussions relating to the listing of our Client's Property on the Register. We have not yet received any notification and are assuming that no meetings have been scheduled on this issue. We are formally reiterating our request to be notified of any decision(s) on this matter and any meetings both informal and formal where the listing of our Client's Building on the Register is the subject of discussion.

Yours truly,

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