

April 5, 2001



To Whom It May Concern,

Mr. Brian Hack suffers from multiple chemical sensitivity, developed while at work in the printing industry. This is a major impairment that is likely to continue for several more years, at a minimum. It severely limits Mr. Hack's activities pertaining to normal living because the best treatment known to date is avoidance of exposure.

Mr. Hack requires assistance to accommodate his special needs which include:

- Control of combustion source spillage and potential dust sources
- Air filtration devices that remove both particulate and chemical substances in each working/living area (successful use in one area to date; needs additional)
- Food organically grown and free of pesticides and other chemical residues
- Bottled water or filtered/disinfected well water, free of pesticides and other chemical residues
- Physical surroundings as natural as possible to minimize exposure to formaldehyde, ethanol, phenol, a large variety of hydrocarbons, deodorants, pesticides, cosmetics, perfumes, vehicle fumes, moulds, plant allergies, and any other aggravating compounds

Mr. Hack has done what he can to move towards more natural surroundings. However, in order to establish appropriate rehabilitation, his environment must also meet or exceed technical specifications, like those developed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (Reference: 1) "*Building Materials for the Environmentally Hypersensitive*", 1995, #6742E; (Reference: 2) "*Research House for the Environmentally Hypersensitive: Description and Technical Details*", 1994, NHA 6796.

Separate working and living environments, meeting such requirements, would facilitate return to work in a healthy and safe workplace. Any activity that moves away from or does not first establish appropriate measures for accommodation may result in further aggravation to his medical condition.

Mr. Hack knows his illness and disorder. He is competent to access necessary information and to determine appropriate measures for accommodation of his particular condition, in conjunction with consultants as required.

Sincerely,

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