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RMG STATEMENT ON CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS RULING

CHICAGO – Reserve Management Group, the parent company of Southside Recycling, today issued the following statement regarding the decision by the City of Chicago’s Department of Administrative Hearings ruling to vacate the denial of Southside Recycling’s Large Recycling Facility permit by Chicago Department of Health Commissioner Allison Arwady:

“The ruling is a welcome victory after years of unforeseen obstacles and delays. We will persist in our effort to operate the most environmentally conscious metal recycling facility in the country, which independent experts have repeatedly found fully satisfies state and federal benchmarks that protect public health and the environment.

The hearing exposed the city’s failure to follow its own rules and ordinances. The administrative law judge found that we had met all the rules and requirements for an operating permit and a decision should have been issued within 60 days of March 2021. Instead, at the direction of Mayor Lightfoot and without City Council legislative authority, CDPH paused the permit process and initiated the health impact assessment, which was flawed from the outset because there was simply no provision for it within the city’s then-existing rules, regulations, and ordinances.

We will continue pursuing all of our rights and remedies, including our pending lawsuit, which has been on hold, to fully develop the facts supporting our claim for hundreds of millions of dollars in damages. By allowing politics to hijack the apolitical permitting process governed by laws and regulations, the city demonstrated that it is not a reliable business partner, regardless of the risk to taxpayers.”

ABOUT RMG / Southside Recycling

Formed in 1991, Reserve Management Group (RMG) is a family of distinct but related businesses, including Southside Recycling, involved in recycling, scrap metal processing (ferrous metals, non-ferrous metals, electronic scrap), material handling, equipment sales, and property management, operating in 10 states. More information can be found at www.reserve-group.com and at www.southside-recycling.com.

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