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Re: Risk-Based Remedial Strategies - Brazil

To whom it may concern:

Environmental awareness is on the rise in Brazil — a phenomenon that has led to the development of federal and state regulatory frameworks for implementing remedial actions at industrial facilities and legacy waste sites. Brazilian regulatory programs are an amalgam of risk-based concepts drawn from US EPA and European environmental agencies. For over 10 years, Gradient has partnered with local companies to navigate and comply with these regulatory requirements.

Gradient has extensive experience in offering sound, science-based solutions to complex environmental problems on behalf of the pharmaceutical, chemical, mining, food processing, and automotive industries in Brazil. We offer the following services:

Optimal Remediation Strategies

- Risk-based remedial strategy development
- Remediation system design and evaluation
- Site characterization studies design/oversight
- Agency negotiations

Environmental Liability Assessment

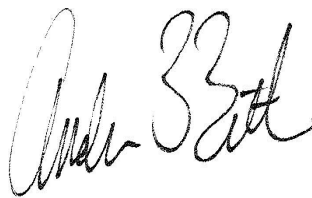
- M & A transactions
- Environmental portfolio management
- Regulatory disclosure support

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