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Central Sierra Mining Association
RESOLUTION ON TRUCK REGULATION COMPLIANCE

Whereas; The California Air Resource Board (CARB) is considering exempting, in April, 2014, certain rural counties, including Nevada, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, Inyo and Kern, from the 2014 PM and NOx compliance requirements, and

Whereas; A healthy trucking industry is an essential part of the economy of the State of California as well as the regional counties served by the Central Sierra Mining Association, and;

Whereas; The mining industry is particularly tied to and dependent upon the trucking industry and especially the small independent trucking business, and;

Whereas; Currently there is a shortage of available trucking to economically move the materials critical to the survival of the mining industry, and;

Whereas; The current PM and NOx compliance requirements are proving to be extremely onerous to the small trucking companies, and;

Whereas; Small and independent trucking companies are critical to materials transport cost control, and;

Whereas; Most, if not all, trucking companies' business plans allow for the replacement of trucks on a regular basis according to the truck use and depreciation value, and;

Whereas; The private capital to prematurely replace or retrofit relatively new and mechanically sound trucks simply isn't there for most trucking companies, and;

Whereas; The rural counties of Central, Northern and Eastern California are of small population and have limited impact on the air quality of the area and are more heavily air quality impacted by the urban areas of the San Francisco Bay, the Central Valley and other dense population areas, and therefore;

Be It Resolved that the Central Sierra Mining Association and its 70 plus industry members and supporters gathered at the December 2013 Association Dinner in Jackson California support the following proposals;

- 1) The CARB exempt the above listed Counties from the 2014 PM and NOx compliance measures, and;
- 2) The CARB refrain from imposing new emission requirement for all trucks in the currently exempt and proposed exempt areas listed above.

APPROVED BY; Board of Directors, Central Sierra Mining Association, Laurie Lord, Secretary

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Tim K Smith, President

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