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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff is currently developing an Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) that would eliminate hexavalent chromium and cadmium from motor vehicle and mobile equipment refinishing coatings. As part of this effort, we are conducting a survey of coating manufacturers to determine the current use of these compounds in motor vehicle and mobile equipment coatings. The ARB last conducted a survey of motor vehicle and mobile equipment coatings in 1996. Since that time, significant changes in coating formulations have taken place. The current survey was developed with the assistance of local air districts and members of the National Paints and Coatings Association. The scope of the survey has been limited to coatings that contain hexavalent chromium and/or cadmium and their alternatives.

The request for information is made pursuant to sections 39600, 39607, 39701 and 41511 of the California Health and Safety Code, and title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 91100. These sections authorize the ARB to require the submission of information needed to estimate air emissions and to carry out its other statutory responsibilities. Any information that you designate as confidential will be protected in accordance with title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 91000 to 91022 and the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq).

Your participation in the survey is crucial. The survey information will assist us in determining the technical feasibility and cost of eliminating the use of hexavalent chromium and cadmium compounds in auto refinishing coatings. Your response to the survey will enable us to reflect the changes in coating formulations in our emissions inventory and regulatory development efforts. Also, by responding to the survey, you ensure that your industry receives credit for emission reductions already achieved.

The enclosed survey package consists of the survey forms, survey instructions and filled-in sample forms, calculation procedures, and definitions. We have attempted to make the instructions for completing the survey as clear as possible, however, should

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you have questions please contact us as noted below. We ask that you complete the survey in as much detail as possible for those products sold in California during the 2000 calendar year. The survey package is available on the Internet at: *www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/autorefin/2000survey.htm*." The survey can also be completed electronically. If you are interested in this option, please visit our web site for additional information. The completed survey is due to the ARB by April 23, 2001.

After the survey data are received and analyzed, we plan to hold public workshops to discuss the proposed ATCM. We plan to present the proposed ATCM to the Board for its consideration at a hearing in September 2001. We will notify you of public workshops as that are scheduled. We will notify you of public workshops as they are scheduled. They also are interested in the survey or our efforts to develop the ATCM.

We appreciate your promptness in completing the survey. Should you have any further questions concerning the survey do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jose Gomez, Manager, Technical Development Section at (916) 324-8033, or by e-mail at *jgomez@arb.ca.gov*, or Mr. Christopher Gallenstein, at (916) 324-8017, or by e-mail at *cgallens@arb.ca.gov*.

Sincerely,

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