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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are requesting your participation in a survey of architectural coatings sold in California. The purpose of the survey is to gather current information on the volatile organic compound (VOC) contents of architectural coatings. Architectural coatings are defined as coatings applied on-site to stationary structures and their attached appurtenances, and do not include coatings applied in a factory or shop.

Who must complete the survey. If your company manufactures coatings in any of the following categories, *and* sold or distributed any of these products in California in the year 2000, you are required to complete the survey.

Coating Categories in 2001 Architectural Coatings Survey			
Antenna	Floor	Nonflat – Low Gloss	Specialty Primer, Sealer, Undercoater
Antifouling	Flow	Nonflat – Medium gloss	Stains – Clear / Semitransparent
Bituminous Roof	Form Release Compounds	Nonflat – High Gloss	Stains – Opaque
Bituminous Roof Primer	Graphic Arts (Sign Paints)	Pre-Treatment Wash Primer	Swimming Pool
Bond Breakers	High Temperature	Primer, Sealer, Undercoater	Swimming Pool Repair & Maintenance
Clear Brushing Lacquer	Industrial Maintenance	Quick Dry Enamel	Temperature Indicator Safety
Concrete Curing Compounds	Lacquers (including lacquer sanding sealers)	Quick Dry Primer, Sealer, Undercoater	Traffic Marking
Dry Fog	Low Solids	Recycled	Varnishes – Clear
Faux Finishing	Magnesite Cement	Roof	Varnishes – Semitransparent
Fire Resistive	Mastic Texture	Rust Preventative	Waterproofing Sealers
Fire Retardant – Clear	Metallic Pigmented	Sanding Sealers (other than lacquer sanding sealers)	Waterproofing Concrete / Masonry Sealers
Fire Retardant – Opaque	Multi-Color	Shellacs – Clear	Wood Preservatives
Flat		Shellacs – Opaque	

NOTE: For special instructions about reporting bituminous and concrete coatings, see page 16 of the survey booklet.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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In addition, if you sold an architectural coating in California that you do not believe can be classified as one of the 50 coating categories in the table above, you are required to complete the survey and identify your coating as "Other." Please specify what the coating is in the comment section provided on the survey forms.

Others who must complete the survey. If your company is not a paint manufacturer, but your company name is listed as "manufactured for" or "distributed by" on the product label, you are responsible for either completing the survey, or ensuring that the manufacturer of your products includes your products in their survey submission. Parent companies and holding companies may need to either complete the survey, or oversee reporting by their subsidiaries. If you are not the correct person to complete the survey for your company, please forward this document to the appropriate individual. If you do not meet any of the criteria for completing the survey as described in this paragraph, you need only complete the Reasons for Not Completing the Survey Form, identify the reason why you believe you do not need to complete the survey, sign the form, and return it to the address on the top of the form.

Legal authority and confidentiality. This request for information is made pursuant to sections 39607, 39701, and 41511 of the California Health and Safety Code, and Title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 91100. These sections authorize the Air Resources Board to require the submission of information needed to estimate atmospheric emissions and to carry out its other statutory responsibilities. All survey data will be protected as confidential information, in accordance with Title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 91000 to 91022 and the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.).

Survey booklet. The enclosed survey package consists of:

Part A – Survey Forms and Instructions

Part B – Supplemental Information (Coating Category Definitions, VOC Calculations, Conversion Factors, etc.)

Part C – Example of Completed Survey

The survey package, and information on how to complete the survey electronically, are available on our website at: www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/arch/survey/2001/survey.htm.

Uses for survey information. This information is important to improve California's emissions inventory, to quantify advances in coatings technology, to identify categories for which technical problems may exist in meeting new VOC limits, and to ensure that the architectural coatings industry receives credit for emission reductions already achieved. This survey was developed in consultation with several coating manufacturers and the National Paint and Coatings Association. Information from this 2001 survey will provide the necessary detail to evaluate the feasibility of developing a reactivity-based control strategy for architectural coatings.

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Due date. Please submit the completed survey to the ARB by **October 31, 2001**. The mailing address is at the top of each page of the survey forms. For overnight delivery, please use our street address: 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814. We appreciate your promptness in completing the survey.

Questions? If you have questions about completing the survey, please contact Mr. Mike Jaczola, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-8178, or by e-mail at mjaczola@arb.ca.gov. For general questions, please contact Mr. Jim Nyarady, Manager, Strategy Evaluation Section, at (916) 322-8273, or by e-mail at jnyarady@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure