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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are requesting your participation in a study of automotive refinish coatings sold in California. The purpose of the study is to gather current information on the content and properties of automotive refinish coatings. Automotive refinish coatings are defined as coatings applied to motor vehicles and/or mobile equipment. This survey was developed in consultation with several coating manufacturers, the National Paint and Coatings Association, and local air districts.

**Who must complete the survey.** If your company manufactures automotive refinish coatings *and* sold or distributed any of these products in California in the year 2001, you are required to complete the survey.

**Others who must complete the survey.** If your company is not an automotive refinish coating 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 listed for completing the survey as described in this paragraph, you need only complete Form 1 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. If you so request, survey data will be treated 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 (Definitions, VOC Calculations, etc.)
- Part C – Example of Completed Survey Forms

*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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The survey package, and information on how to complete the survey electronically, are available on our website at: [www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/auto/survey/2002survey.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/auto/survey/2002survey.htm).

**Uses for survey information.** This information is important to improve California's emissions inventory, to assess advances in coatings technology, and to ensure that the automotive refinish coatings industry receives credit for emission reductions already achieved. The information from this survey may also be used to evaluate the feasibility of developing mass-based or reactivity-based control strategies for automotive refinish coatings.

**Due date.** Please submit the completed survey to the ARB by **September 30, 2002**. 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. David Mehl, Project Lead, at (916) 324-8177, or by e-mail at [dmehl@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dmehl@arb.ca.gov). For general questions, please contact Mr. Jose Gomez, Manager, Technical Development Section, at (916) 324-8033, or by e-mail at [jgomez@arb.ca.gov](mailto:jgomez@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure