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James Goldstene, Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95812

Re: Cal Cartage Natural Gas Truck Project. Application to the Goods Movement
Emission Reduction Program

Dear Mr. Goldstene:

I am writing to express my strong support for Cal Cartage's efforts to deploy 400 dedicated natural gas trucks in port drainage operations and urge the California Air Resources Board to do the same by providing the requested funding from the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program.

Cal Cartage's aggressive and progressive project to deploy 400 of the world's cleanest commercially available heavy-duty trucks in the San Pedro Bay Port drainage operations is in full alignment with the goals of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP).

As part of the CAAP adoption process, the Harbor Commissioners from both the Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles issued a joint statement calling for a switch to lower carbon fuels and technologies "in every possible application as soon as possible" in order to reduce carbon emissions that contribute to Global Warming. Cal Cartage's project is an extremely important step in this direction.

Since the adoption of the Clean Air Action Plan, the Port of Long Beach has been at the forefront of advanced technology deployment and emission reduction projects in all facets of goods movement operations. Resulting from an RFP that the port issued several months ago, the very first publicly accessible LNG refueling station will open soon at the Port of Long Beach. This station will support a fleet of over 150 LNG trucks that will begin hauling containers in and out of the harbor. This is an extremely important first step in our battle for clean air in the San Pedro Bay ports.

Building upon the LNG refueling station project initiated by the Port of Long Beach, Cal Cartage's project will yield significant air quality benefits within the region. These 400 dedicated natural gas trucks will result in no diesel particulate emissions and will reduce regional levels of NOX and thus smog. It will also provide important greenhouse gas

emission reductions and will use a low carbon alternative fuel for 100 percent of their energy needs. By eliminating the use of diesel fuel, these trucks will eliminate diesel particulate emissions from their operations and contribute to a wide array of other important regional, state and federal objectives.

Clearly, Cal Cartage's efforts are to be commended and given the fullest support possible. On behalf of the Port of Long Beach and all those working to improve air quality in our goods movement operations and in the port facilities, rail yards, distribution centers and goods movement corridors, I urge the Air Resources Board to provide the funding for this much needed project as part of the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Very truly yours,

Mario Cordero
President
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Port of Long Beach

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