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**SUBJECT: CAL CARTAGE NATURAL GAS TRUCK PROJECT
APPLICATION TO THE GOODS MOVEMENT
EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Dear Mr. Goldstene:

On behalf of the Port of Los Angeles, I am writing to express our support for Cal Cartage's efforts to deploy 400 dedicated natural gas trucks in port drayage operations. I respectfully urge the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to also support this important and aggressive project by providing the requested early funding from the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program.

Cal Cartage's efforts will provide significant benefits to the local community and the region in reducing criteria pollutants, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and petroleum usage. The 400 low emission natural gas trucks will provide extremely important NOx and PM reduction benefits. In particular, by eliminating the use of diesel fuel, these trucks will eliminate diesel particulate emissions from their operations and help reduce health effects associated with diesel particulate matter. Cal Cartage's project to deploy 400 of the world's cleanest commercially available heavy-duty trucks in their San Pedro Bay port drayage operations is in full alignment with the goals of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP).

These low carbon alternative natural gas trucks are also an important step in our collective efforts to fight Global Warming. As part of the CAAP adoption process, the harbor commissions from both the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach 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. More recently, the City of Los Angeles announced a new program whereby our Port will work with CARB, the California Climate Action Registry, and other stakeholders to track GHG emissions from all vehicles involved in the goods movement chain in and out of our harbor. The landmark agreement, the first of its kind for a port such as ours, will assist California to meet its aggressive GHG emission

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reduction goals set forth in AB32. Through the implementation of large alternative fuel truck projects such as being developed by Cal Cartage, we will be able to more quickly attain these important goals.

Since the adoption of the CAAP, the Port of Los Angeles has been at the forefront of advanced technology deployment and emission reduction projects in all facets of goods movement operations. The Port was a partner on the world's first LNG yard hostler project at Yusen Terminals in 2005, has funded a zero emission battery electric port drayage truck technology development effort, is supporting development of a hybrid tug, and has more recently provided several million in funding for the purchase of over 150 LNG on-road port drayage trucks. With CARB's assistance, Cal Cartage's efforts will provide us with additional gains in our efforts to reduce air emissions in the San Pedro Bay Ports.

Clearly, Cal Cartage's efforts are to be commended and given the fullest support possible. On behalf of the Port of Los Angeles and all of 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 CARB to provide the funding for this much-needed project as part of the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program.

Sincerely,


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