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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N45JRR.rr/0175 May 19, 2006

Clerk of the Board Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, 23rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814-2828

RE: Proposed New Emission Standards, Fleet Requirements, and Test Procedures for Forklifts and Other Industrial Equipment; Large Spark Ignition (LSI) Engine Fleet Requirements

On behalf of the military services in California, attached are comments to the proposed new emission standards, fleet requirements and test procedures for forklifts and other industrial equipment. Our specific issues are identified below. Where appropriate, we have suggested language to address the concern.

1. Amend definition of Fleet each time it appears in the regulations i.e. "Large Fleet," Medium Fleet," "non-forklift Fleet," "Small Fleet": As currently written in the proposed regulation, each definition of fleet aggregates an operator's operations in California. This is problematic as written as is could arguably aggregate all Department of Defense (DOD) facilities as one fleet. As you are aware, each of the military services are extremely unique with distinct chains of commands as well as distinct mission requirements. As such, we suggest CARB revise the fleet definition each time it appears in the regulations as follows:

Fleet refers to an engine or group of engines that are owned and managed by an individual operator such as a business, business unit within a corporation, city, state or military installation.

This proposed definition enables individual DOD installations the ability to track individual fleets at the appropriate level ensuring that each individual DOD installation can ensure compliance with the regulation.

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Revise the Definition of Military Tactical Vehicles to add allies:

We appreciate ARB's continued recognition of uniqueness of Military Tactical Vehicles and the continued need for regulatory relief for this class of vehicles. As such we have a minor request that CARB add "allies' into this definition to cover the situation where we are involved in joint training or testing exercises.

Military tactical vehicles or equipment means vehicles or equipment owned by the U.S. Department of Defense and/or the U.S. military services, or its allies and used in combat, combat support, combat service support, tactical or relief operations, or training for such operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the subject proposed regulation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments, my point of contact is Mr. Jose Casora. He can be reached at (619) 524-6502.

Sincerely, RENE DR

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