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**Testimony of Paul Ray, President Ilmor Marine Engines before the
California Air Resources Board regarding the Public Hearing to Consider
Amendments to the Current Spark- Ignition Marine Engine and Boat
Regulations
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Good morning / afternoon. My name is Paul Ray, President of Ilmor Engineering and general manager of Ilmor Marine Engines. Ilmor Engineering, the parent company to Ilmor Marine, has been a leader in the auto racing engine business for the past 25 years, but we have only been in the marine business since late 2002. Our product line consists purely of high performance engines at this time.

Our reason for wishing to testify today is to show our support for the Staff recommended amendment that will provide small businesses like ours, particularly those that are new to the marine market, with the flexibility to grow our business to a reasonable and practical size before being regarded as Large Volume Manufacturer.

Ilmor Marine did not exist when the spark ignited stern drive and inboard rule was first implemented back in 2001. We were late comers to both the marine industry and the California regulatory process, but have been quick students. As an engineering company at heart, we are fully committed to providing efficient, durable, and environmentally friendly marine engines to the boaters of California and nationwide.

Since entering this rule making process, Ilmor staff has attended many meetings with Mike Carter, Scott Rowland, and Jeff Lowry. I, personally, have also had the opportunity to sit down with ARB Staff to discuss specific regulatory issues that affect our small business. Throughout the process, we have grown to appreciate the efforts of the California Air Resources Board staff, and their willingness to work with Ilmor Marine to develop a program that allows our small business to continue to compete and grow in the California market.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today and again urge you to support this amendment.