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TO: All Interested Parties

TOPIC: Low Sulfur Marine Distillate Fuel Availability Survey

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is the State agency in California responsible for improving air quality in the State of California. ARB staff is currently conducting a survey of bunker fuel suppliers and brokers located around the Pacific Rim in order to obtain information about the availability of different types of marine fuels, specifically low sulfur marine distillate fuels. This information is needed to inform the development of a regulation that will require the use of cleaner low-sulfur distillate fuels as ships travel within 24 nautical miles of the California coastline. The use of cleaner fuels will result in dramatic reductions in the emissions of particulate matter, sulfur dioxides, and other pollutants that affect air quality and public health.

To help us gather information on the availability of marine fuels, we are seeking your assistance by requesting your completion of the attached survey. The survey requests information on your company and its ability to provide marine distillate fuels (DMA and DMB) with sulfur levels of 0.1% or less. To ensure confidentiality of the information you provide, we will collate the information collected by port and will summarize the names of the companies responding. In the event less than three suppliers from one port respond to the survey, we will not list the names of the companies providing information. Under no circumstances, will we associate any individual volumes reported with a specific broker or supplier. We are asking for a response to the survey no later than November 16, 2007.

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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If you have any questions about this survey, you may call Mr. Paul Sweeney, Air Resources Engineer at (916) 327-5638, (wsweeney@arb.ca.gov) or Ms. Peggy Taricco, Manager, Technical Analysis Section at (916) 323-4882, (ptaricco@arb.ca.gov). Please return this survey via email to Mr. Sweeney at the email address above or print it out and fax it to (916) 323-6251 or mail it to:

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Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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