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Mr. Tom Sherlock Vice President, Specialty Polymers DAK Americas LLC 223 Wilmington West Chester Pike, Suite 210 Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Dear Mr. Sherlock:

APR, the Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize DAK America LLC's Array<sup>TM</sup> EBM 5862, as meeting or exceeding the APR PET Critical Guidance Document protocol and hereby so states.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed your September 22, 2014 data submission and concluded the data were correctly obtained by a qualified laboratory and completely presented to show Array<sup>TM</sup> EBM 5862 resin meets or exceeds all critical guidance.

The PET Critical Guidance Document is the product of multi-industry consensus of key issues related to the recycling of postconsumer PET bottles. The Document directs innovators to conduct specific testing per established testing procedures and then provides the innovator with guidance to interpret the results. The APR recognition is based on the innovation meeting or exceeding the most challenging test conditions and strictest guidance criteria.

APR thanks DAK Americas LLC for its cooperation in using this important protocol. The protocol is intended to improve the quality of recycled bottles by helping innovators to make informed decisions about the consequences of PET bottle innovations. The impact of this protocol is beneficial to world-wide recycling efforts. We thank DAK Americas for the extra, supporting data that you commissioned for the petition.

Our recognition applies only to DAK America LLC's Array<sup>TM</sup> EBM 5862 resin. Commercial bottles with possible additions to the resin and labels and closures would need to be tested themselves to demonstrate the complete package conforms to the APR Critical Guidance Document for APR recognition to apply to a commercial bottle. Meeting the Critical Guidance Document guidelines is a truly significant step in demonstrating overall recyclability of your resin.

Yours truly,

Stephen Alexander Executive Director, Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers

