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Mrs. Kendra Harrold Director, Packaging & Retail Eastman Chemical Company P.O. Box 431 200 South Wilcox Drive Kingsport, TN 37662-5280

Dear Mrs. Harrold:

APR, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize Eastman Chemical Company's Eastar™ polyester EB001 as meeting or exceeding APR's Critical Guidance requirements and hereby so states.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed the October 2, 2015 data submission and concluded the data were correctly obtained by a qualified laboratory and were completely presented to show the PET extrusion blow molding resin submitted meets or exceeds all critical guidance.

The APR PET Bottle Critical Guidance document and protocol 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 Eastman Chemical Company for its cooperation in using this important protocol. The protocol is intended to improve the quality of recycled PET bottles by helping innovators to make informed decisions about the consequences of PET EBM resin innovations. The impact of this protocol is beneficial to world-wide recycling efforts.

Our recognition applies only to Eastman Chemical Company's Eastar™ polyester EB001 and not necessarily to bottles using the resin as those bottles would need to be tested themselves to demonstrate the system of resin, label, adjuvants, and closure conformed to the APR Critical Guidance Document. Meeting the Critical Guidance Document guidelines is a truly significant step in demonstrating overall recyclability of your PET resin for extrusion blow molding.

Yours truly,

Stephen Alexander Executive Director, APR

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