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Mr. Daryl Northcott  
Director, Films & Specials Business,  
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400 Broadpointe Drive  
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Dear Mr. Northcott:

APR, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize UPM Raflatac's unprinted pressure sensitive labels comprised of RW85C acrylic emulsion adhesive as meeting or exceeding the most strict APR's PET-CG-02 Critical Guidance Criteria for Clear PET Articles with Labels and Closures.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed your May 27, 2016 data submission and concluded the data were correctly obtained by a qualified laboratory and were completely presented to show the labels submitted meet or exceed all critical guidance.

The Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Label for PET Bottles 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 UPM Raflatac 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.

Our recognition applies only to UPM Raflatac's undecorated pressure sensitive labels and not necessarily to bottles using the labels as those bottles would need to be tested themselves to demonstrate the system of resin, 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 label and decoration system.

Yours truly,

Stephan Alexander  
APR Executive Director

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