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Dr. John F. Henderson  
Fort Dearborn Company  
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Dear Dr. Henderson:

APR, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize Fort Dearborn Company's Recycle Friendly washable ink system printed on SKC Ecolabel™ sleeve labels as meeting or exceeding APR's Critical Guidance Protocol for Clear PET Articles with Labels and Closures Document requirements and hereby so states. The SKC Ecolabel™ has received APR Critical Guidance recognition. Other APR recognized sleeve label substrates would be acceptable.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed your April 26, 2019 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 data were obtained in 2017 and the guidance of 2017 was used for the review.

The PET labels and closures 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 Fort Dearborn Company for its cooperation in using this important voluntary 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 the Fort Dearborn Recycle Friendly washable inking system and not necessarily to labeled bottles as those packages would need to be tested themselves to demonstrate the system of resin, adjuvants, labels, and closures conformed to the APR Critical Guidance Document and APR Design Guide. Meeting the Critical Guidance Document guidelines is a truly significant step in demonstrating overall recyclability of your label decoration system.

Yours truly,

Stephen Alexander  
APR Executive Director

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