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Mr. Scott Ballard,
Vice President & General Manager, Specialty Plastics
Eastman Chemical Company
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Dear Mr. Ballard:

APR, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize Eastman Chemical Company's Eastman Cristal™ One and Eastman Cristal™ One Pro resins as meeting or exceeding APR's PET-CG-01, *Critical Guidance Protocol for Clear PET Resin and Molded Articles*, most strict requirements and hereby so states. This APR recognition is based on the technical recyclability of the innovation resins with PET bottles.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed your March 12, 2021 data submission and concluded the data were correctly obtained by a qualified laboratory and were completely presented to show the label substrate submitted meets or exceeds all critical guidance.

The *Critical Guidance Protocol for Clear PET Articles and Molded Articles* is the product of multi-industry consensus of key issues related to the recycling of resins with postconsumer PET bottles. The Protocol 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 bottles by helping innovators to make informed decisions about the consequences of innovations on PET bottle recycling. The impact of this protocol is world-wide.

Our recognition applies only to the two innovation resins and not necessarily to bottles using the resins as those bottles would need to be tested themselves to demonstrate the system of adjuvants, labels, 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 resin product.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ballard', is written over a light blue circular background.

APR President and CEO

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