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Sent Via E-mail: Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca

BC Farm Industry Review Board 1st Floor, 780 Blanshard Street Victoria, BC V8W 2H1

**Attention: Wanda Gorsuch** 

Dear Madam:

Re: British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board ("BCFIRB") Supervisory Review

Document Disclosure Order Issued August 13, 2021

We write on behalf of our client, MPL British Columbia Distributors Inc. ("MPL") further to the above matter and to the Document Disclosure Order received from BCFIRB last Friday, August 13, 2021 (the "Order").

The Order directs MPL, as a non-participant to the Supervisory Review, to produce "all documents in your possession or control relating to the matters in question in this proceeding," and defines relevant documents to include "anything that touches on or concerns the subject matter of the Supervisory Review or that may directly or indirectly lead to other information that touches on or concerns the subject matter of the Supervisory Review."

The scope of the Order is extremely broad, both in terms of the nature of the documents requested and the type of documents it applies to, and our client has been provided with one week's notice, or a deadline of August 20, 2021, to provide same. This is even less time than has been afforded to Complainant Participants under the Rules of Procedure to produce records. Our client is not in a position to provide a meaningful response in one week, particularly in circumstances where the impact of a rushed document production on the outcome of the Supervisory Review may cause prejudice to MPL's concurrent litigation proceedings. In light of these concerns, and in order to promote procedural fairness, MPL respectfully requests that it be granted an extension until **September 17, 2021**, to respond to the Order.

Yours truly,

Dentons Canada LLP

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