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Dear Tamara Burns,

Thank you for submitting the July 17th, 2020 Packaging and Paper Product Cost Study and the August 31, 2020 Financial Incentive Review Consultation Report in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 5(1)(b), (c)(i) and (vi) of the Recycling Regulation (the regulation) made under the *Environmental Management Act*.

The ministry's Extended Producer Responsibility section engaged financial experts in the Corporate Services for the Natural Resource Sector Branch to assist with the review of the cost study and to create a checklist to be used when assessing the completeness of such studies. I thank you for your patience while we have worked to develop this process to ensure rigour in our review that is a fair and equitable way to evaluate all program steward submissions.

The Producers Paying the Cost of Managing Obligated Materials and Dispute Resolution guidance document was used as the basis for assessing the completeness of the cost study. I have completed my review of the cost study and consultation summary related to stakeholder compensation and I am satisfied they meet the requirements of the regulation. It is noted that your dispute resolution procedures were already approved during the review of your 2019 Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan.

Specifically, I have been satisfied of the following:

- The producer has undertaken satisfactory consultation with stakeholders and has provided opportunity for stakeholder input in the implementation and operation of the extended producer responsibility program;
- The cost study adequately provides for the producer collecting and paying the costs of collecting

and managing products within the product category covered by the plan; and

- The described procedure for dispute resolution between a producer and person providing services related to the collection and management of the product during implementation of the plan or operation of the extended producer responsibility program is adequate as per your approved 2019 Plan.

Thank you for your efforts on this plan amendment and I appreciate the industry's continued commitment to achieving compliance in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Protection Division

cc: Sonya Sundberg, Executive Director, Environmental Standards Branch  
Bob McDonald, Director, Extended Producer Responsibility Section  
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