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9 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 **DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY**

11 **IN THE MATTER OF:**

12 **Golden By-Products, Inc.,**
13 **PROPERTY OWNER AND OPERATOR**

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15 **RESPONDENT.**

16 **TPID NO.: 1003314**
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Case No. IH14-008-TIR

**STIPULATION FOR
WASTE TIRE STORAGE
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

AGENCY NO. 2014-011166-ADC

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19 **INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

20 The California Integrated Waste Management Board ("CIWMB") is now the
21 Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (hereafter, "CalRecycle").
22 CalRecycle succeeded to the CIWMB's authority on January 1, 2010, pursuant to Public
23 Resources Code (Pub. Resources Code) section 40401(a)(1). The parties to this
24 **STIPULATION FOR WASTE TIRE STORAGE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**
25 (hereafter, "Stipulation") are CalRecycle and Golden By-Products, Inc. (hereafter,
26 "Golden By-Products").

27 On June 27, 2014, an **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT FOR WASTE TIRE**
28 **STORAGE PENALTIES** (hereafter, "Administrative Complaint") seeking \$730,000.00

1 was issued against Respondent, Golden By-Products. On July 10, 2014, Stephen
2 Krauss, representative for Respondent, Golden By-Products, filed a REQUEST FOR
3 HEARING/NOTICE OF DEFENSE with the CalRecycle Legal Office. An informal
4 hearing was scheduled for September 10, 11 and 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at
5 CalRecycle's offices, located at 801 K Street, 19th Floor, Room 1919, Sacramento,
6 California 95814. On August 27, 2014, a FIRST AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE
7 COMPLAINT FOR WASTE TIRE STORAGE PENALTIES (hereafter, "Amended
8 Complaint") seeking \$965,000.00 was issued against Repondent, Golden By-Products.

9 From the time period beginning on or around August 1, 2014 and continuing
10 thereafter, CalRecycle and Golden By-Products (hereafter, referred to collectively as
11 "the Parties") took part in discussions regarding possible settlement of this matter. In
12 order to continue settlement discussions in this matter, on September 4, 2014, the
13 Parties submitted a JOINT REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING DATE
14 requesting that the September 10, 11, and 12, 2014 hearing be continued to October
15 15, 16, and 17, 2014. On September 4, 2014, Hearing Officer Thomas W. Vallance,
16 issued an ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING
17 continuing the hearing until October 15, 16, and 17, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., CalRecycle,
18 801 K Street, Room 1919 (DOR Training Room), Sacramento, California 95814.

19 In order to avoid the extensive time and costs of litigation in this matter, the
20 Parties desire to settle all claims and disputes between them. The Parties understand,
21 acknowledge and agree to the facts and terms of this Stipulation, and hereby submit
22 this Stipulation as final resolution of this matter.

23 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

24 1. Golden By-Products, Inc., Tire Program Identification ("TPID") Number
25 1003314, is a major permitted waste tire facility located at 13000 Newport Dr., Ballico,
26 California, 95303, Assessor's Parcel Number 041-120-019 (hereafter, referred to as "the
27 Site").

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1 2. Golden By-Products is a "Major waste tire facility" as that term is defined
2 in Pub. Resources Code section 42808(b).

3 3. On July 6, 2009, CALRECYCLE issued Golden By-Products a new waste
4 tire facility permit for a "Major Waste Tire Facility," (hereafter, referred to as "Major
5 WTFP") authorizing a maximum permitted capacity of 1,500 tons of whole tires and
6 primary shreds (altered waste tires larger than 2 inches in diameter) (150,000
7 passenger tire equivalents (PTE¹)), and 8,500 tons of other material, as that material is
8 described in the Major WTFP.

9 4. From November 6, 2013, and until the present, Golden By-Products has
10 stored in excess of 150,000 PTE of whole waste tires and/or altered waste tires on the
11 Site.

12 5. On November 6, 2013, at 1:30 pm, Merced County Environmental Health
13 inspectors Esperanza Cabrera-Clark, Paul Wrighton, and supervisor Vickie Jones,
14 along with CalRecycle inspectors Steve Dolan, Robert Baumann, Peder Kryski, Jean
15 Whalen, and Mathew Vipond performed a routine inspection of the Site to ensure
16 compliance with applicable waste tire storage and disposal standards and the terms and
17 conditions of Golden By-Product's Major WTFP. Also in attendance during this
18 inspection was Merced County Fire Marshal, Hank Moore, who performed a separate
19 fire safety inspection of the site.² Inspectors were met by Steve Krauss of Golden By-
20 Products, and Karen and Brett Barstow, owners of Golden By-Products.

21 During this inspection, Merced County and CalRecycle inspectors broke off into
22 respective groups to measure indoor/outdoor tire storage areas to determine
23 compliance with the Major WTFP capacity limits, other terms and conditions of the
24 Major WTFP, and state minimum standards. As documented in Inspection Report #I1-
25 1206501, Merced County and CalRecycle inspectors determined that a total whole
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27 ¹ "Passenger Tire Equivalents" (PTE) is defined as, "the total weight of altered waste tires, in pounds,
divided by 20 pounds." (Cal. Code regs. tit. 14, section 17225.770.)

28 ² On March 18, 2014, Merced County Fire Marshal, Hank Moore, issued RESPONDENT a Notice of
Violation for the violations found during the fire inspection site visit on November 6, 2013.

1 waste tire and altered waste tire (greater than two inches in diameter) count of
2 approximately 466,868 PTE were being stored on the Site. Golden By-Products was
3 issued a Notice of Violation for violations specific to its Major WTFP capacity limits,
4 storage of waste tires outdoors, and other terms and conditions of its Major WTFP, and
5 was provided a compliance deadline date of March 3, 2014.

6 6. On March 5, 2014, Merced County inspector Esperanza Cabrera-Clark
7 and CALRECYCLE Inspectors Steve Dolan, Robert Baumann, Jean Whalen, Mathew
8 Vipond, and Dustin Schiavo returned to the Site to perform a re-inspection of the Site.
9 Also in attendance during this inspection were Margie Comotto and Kevin Taylor, of
10 CalRecycle's permitting division. Inspectors were met by Steve Krauss of Golden By-
11 Products. During this inspection, Merced County and CalRecycle inspectors broke off
12 into respective groups to measure indoor/outdoor tire storage areas to determine
13 compliance with the Major WTFP capacity limits, other terms and conditions of the
14 Major WTFP, and state minimum standards.

15 As documented in Inspection Report #IW-1010048, Merced County and
16 CALRECYCLE inspectors determined that a total whole waste tire and altered waste
17 tire (greater than two inches in diameter) count of approximately 565,514 PTE were
18 being stored on the Site. Golden By-Products was cited for violations specific to its
19 Major WTFP capacity limits, storage of waste tires outdoors, and other terms and
20 conditions of its Major WTFP. Violations noted during the November 6, 2013 inspection
21 were still outstanding. Inspection Report #IW-1010048 was mailed to Golden By-
22 Products first-class United States Postal Service (USPS) certified mail on March 14,
23 2014.

24 7. On March 14, 2014, CalRecycle issued Cleanup and Abatement Order
25 (hereafter, referred to as "CAO") 2014-011034-CAO to Golden By-Products for violating
26 waste tire storage laws and regulations, and for capacity violations related to Golden
27 By-Products' Major WTFP. Golden By-Products was served with the CAO on or around
28 March 17-18, 2014. The CAO ordered Golden By-Products to, *"remove all waste tires*

1 *in excess of 1,500 tons or 150,000 passenger tire equivalents from the premises within*
2 *30 days from the date of service of this Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO)."*

3 (Emphasis added.) The CAO also ordered Golden By-Products to do the following,
4 "[b]eginning March 24, 2014, maintain daily incoming and outgoing tonnage records for
5 all waste/PTE tires until you obtain compliance with section one [of the CAO] above . . .
6 submit [above records] to Geralda Stryker of my [CALRECYCLE] staff . . . by close of
7 business on Friday of each week for the duration."

8 8. On April 29, 2014, Merced County inspector Esperanza Cabrera-Clark
9 and CALRECYCLE Inspectors Steve Dolan, Robert Baumann, Peder Kryski, Jean
10 Whalen, Mathew Vipond, Dustin Schiavo, and Nikki Castagneto returned to the Site to
11 perform a follow-up inspection to determine compliance with the CAO. Also in
12 attendance during this inspection was Geralda Stryker, supervisor, CalRecycle Waste
13 Tire Compliance – Central Unit. Inspectors were met by Karen Barstow, owner of
14 Golden By-Products, and Steve Krauss of Golden By-Products. As in previous
15 inspections, Merced County and CalRecycle inspectors broke off into respective groups
16 to measure indoor/outdoor tire storage areas to determine compliance with the Major
17 WTFP capacity limits, other terms and conditions of the Major WTFP, and state
18 minimum standards. As documented in Inspection Report #IW-1011032, Merced
19 County and CalRecycle inspectors determined that a total whole waste tire and altered
20 waste tire (greater than two inches in diameter) count of approximately 946,400 PTE
21 were being stored on the Site.

22 Golden By-Products was in violation of the CAO and was cited for violations
23 specific to its Major WTFP capacity limits, storage of waste tires outdoors, vector control
24 measures, and other terms and conditions of its Major WTFP. Report #IW-1011032 was
25 sent electronic mail to Steve Krauss of Golden By-Products on May 12, 2014, and
26 USPS first-class mail on May 13, 2014.

27 9. On June 4, 2014, Merced County Inspector Esperanza Cabrera-Clark and
28 CalRecycle Inspectors Robert Baumann, Mathew Vipond, Dustin Schiavo, Peder Kryski,

1 Jean Whalen, Billy Yos returned to the Site to determine compliance with the CAO.
2 Also in attendance during this inspection was Geralda Stryker, supervisor, CalRecycle
3 Waste Tire Compliance – Central Unit. Inspectors were met by Karen Barstow, owner of
4 Golden By-Products, and Steve Krauss of Golden By-Products. As in previous
5 inspections, Merced County and CalRecycle inspectors broke off into respective groups
6 to measure indoor/outdoor tire storage areas to determine compliance with the Major
7 WTFP capacity limits. As documented in Inspection Report #IW-1011790, Merced
8 County and CALRECYCLE inspectors determined that a total whole waste tire and
9 altered waste tire (greater than two inches in diameter) count of approximately 614,697
10 PTE were being stored on the Site. Golden By-Products was in violation of the CAO and
11 was cited for violations specific to its Major WTFP capacity limits, storage of waste tires
12 outdoors, and other terms and conditions of its Major WTFP. Inspection Report #IW-
13 1011790 was sent via electronic mail to Steve Krauss, Brett Barstow, and Karen
14 Barstow of Golden By-Products on June 17, 2014, and via first-class USPS mail on
15 June 25, 2014.

16 10. On June 24, 2014, Merced County inspector Esperanza Cabrera-Clark
17 and CalRecycle Inspectors Robert Baumann, Peder Kryski, Jean Whalen, Mathew
18 Vipond, Nikki Castagneto, Mary LeClaire, Billy Yos, and Nai Teurn returned to the Site
19 to conduct a pre-permit inspection and determine compliance with the CAO. Also in
20 attendance during this inspection was Merced County Fire Marshal, Hank Moore, who
21 performed a separate fire safety inspection of the site. Inspectors were met by Brett
22 Barstow, co-owner of Golden By-Products. As in previous inspections, Merced County
23 and CalRecycle inspectors broke off into respective groups to measure indoor/outdoor
24 tire storage areas to determine compliance with the Major WTFP capacity limits, other
25 terms and conditions of the Major WTFP, and state minimum standards.

26 As documented in Inspection Report #IW-1011953, Merced County and
27 CalRecycle inspectors determined that a total whole waste tire and altered waste tire
28 (greater than two inches in diameter) count of approximately 686,027 PTE were being

1 stored on the Site. Golden By-Products was in violation of the CAO and was cited for
2 violations specific to its Major WTFP capacity limits, storage of waste tires outdoors, fire
3 prevention measures, and other terms and conditions of its Major WTFP. Inspection
4 Report #IW-1011953 was sent electronic mail and first-class USPS mail to Steve
5 Krauss of Golden By-Products on June 27, 2014.

6 11. Golden By-Products' Major WTFP expired on July 6, 2014.

7 12. On July 17, 2014, Merced County inspector Esperanza Cabrera-Clark and
8 CALRECYCLE Inspectors Robert Baumann, Jean Whalen, Mathew Vipond, Nikki
9 Castagneto, Dustin Schiavo, Billy Yos, and Nai Teurn returned to the Site to perform an
10 inspection to determine compliance with state minimum standards and waste tires laws
11 as set forth in Chapter 16 of the Pub. Resources Code. Also in attendance during this
12 inspection was Geralda Stryker, supervisor, CalRecycle Waste Tire Compliance –
13 Central Unit. Inspectors were met by Amber Barstow and Stephen Krauss of Golden
14 By-Products. As in previous inspections, Merced County and CalRecycle inspectors
15 broke off into respective groups to measure indoor/outdoor tire storage areas.

16 As documented in Inspection Report #IW-1012530, Merced County and
17 CalRecycle inspectors determined that a total whole waste tire and altered waste tire
18 (greater than ¼ inches in diameter) count of approximately 611,860 PTE were being
19 stored on the Site. Golden By-Products was issued a Notice of Violation for violations
20 specific to storage of waste tires outdoors, fire prevention measures, improper tire pile
21 storage, insufficient separation between tire piles and flammable materials, surface
22 water drainage issues, and failure to remove tires from rims upon arrival at the facility.
23 Inspection Report #IW-1012530 was sent USPS first-class mail on August 15, 2014,
24 and electronic mail to Karen Barstow of Golden By-Products on August 19, 2014.

25 13. On August 15, 2014, CalRecycle issued a subsequent Cleanup and
26 Abatement Order 2014-011036-CAO (hereafter, referred to as "August 2014 CAO") to
27 Golden By-Products for violating waste tire storage laws and regulations, including but
28 not limited to, violations of state minimum standards and storing 5,000 or more waste

1 tires on the site without a valid Major waste tire facility permit. Golden By-Products was
2 served with the CAO on or around August 19, 2014. The August 2014 CAO ordered
3 Golden By-Products to, "*reduce and maintain the number of waste tires onsite to 0*
4 *(zero), in accordance with the following: (1) Remove all waste tires from the premises*
5 *immediately, in accordance with PUB. RESOURCES CODE section 42845(a)(2). (2) At*
6 *no time may you accept additional waste tires at this site, . . . for as long as this site*
7 *remains in violation.*" (Emphasis added.)

8 **STIPULATED ORDER**

9 The Parties acknowledge and agree to the following terms in full and complete
10 settlement of this matter:

11 1. Golden By-Products shall not accept any waste tires at the Site, until all of
12 the following conditions are met:

13 a. CalRecycle inspectors perform an inspection of the Site and CalRecycle
14 provides written notice to Golden By-Products verifying the following:

15 i. The facility is storing less than 2,000 tons (200,000 PTE) of "whole
16 waste tires" and less than 6,500 tons of "altered waste tires," as
17 those terms are defined below;

18 ii. Whole waste tires at the Site are restricted to individual piles not
19 exceeding 5,000 square feet of contiguous area. Piles do not
20 exceed 50,000 cubic feet in volume nor 10 feet in height. Whole
21 waste tires are separated from vegetation and other potentially
22 flammable materials by no less than 40 feet.

23 b. CalRecycle provides written notice to Golden By-Products verifying the
24 following:

25 i. Golden By-Products has provided acceptable written
26 documentation to CalRecycle showing that Golden By-Products
27 has made arrangements to take up to 500 tons (5,000 PTE) of
28 waste tires per week, for 10 weeks, to landfills or other facilities

1 authorized to take waste tires. Written documentation includes, but
2 is not limited to: (1) letter(s) from landfills or other facilities agreeing
3 to accept waste tires, or (2) contract(s) from landfills or other
4 facilities agreeing to accept waste tires.

5 2. A failure to comply with the requirements set forth in paragraph 1.a. and
6 1.b. above will result in a partial default of this Stipulation and Golden By-Products must
7 immediately cease accepting waste tires at the Site. In addition, Golden By-Products
8 may not apply for a Major Waste Tire Facility Permit for three years from the effective
9 date of the Administrative Decision issued pursuant to this Stipulation.

10 3. CalRecycle may revoke Golden By-Products' authorization to accept
11 waste tires at the Site at any time, by providing written notice to Golden By-Products.

12 4. Beginning on or before November 17, 2014, Golden By-Products shall
13 store no more than 2,000 tons (200,000 PTE) of whole waste tires and 6,500 tons of
14 altered waste tires at the Site. Failure to comply with this term will result in an automatic
15 partial default penalty of \$10,000 against Golden By-Products and in favor of
16 CalRecycle.

17 5. Beginning on or before November 17, 2014, Golden By-Products shall
18 comply with the whole waste tire storage requirements as specified above in paragraph
19 1.a.ii. Failure to comply with this term will result in an automatic partial default penalty of
20 \$25,000 against Golden By-Products and in favor of CalRecycle.

21 6. Beginning on or before December 2, 2014, Golden By-Products shall store
22 no more than 1,000 tons (100,000 PTE) of whole waste tires and 6,500 tons of altered
23 waste tires at the Site. Failure to comply with this term will result in an automatic partial
24 default penalty of \$50,000 against Golden By-Products and in favor of CalRecycle.

25 7. Effective immediately, Golden By-Products shall contact CalRecycle's
26 enforcement staff within 24 hours of any event resulting in substantial downtime at the
27 Site, excluding routine maintenance. At minimum, Golden By-Products shall contact Bill
28 Albert, CalRecycle Tire Enforcement Section manager, at (916) 341-6430 and email at

1 Bill.Albert@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

2 8. Effective immediately, Golden By-Products shall contact CalRecycle's
3 enforcement staff within 24 hours of any major accident or incident of fire at the Site. At
4 minimum, Golden By-Products shall contact Bill Albert, CalRecycle Tire Enforcement
5 Section manager, at (916) 341-6430 and email at Bill.Albert@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

6 9. Golden By-Products agrees to continue providing weekly updates on daily
7 incoming and outgoing tonnage records for all waste tires/PTE to CalRecycle, as
8 ordered in the March 14, 2014 CAO (2014-011034-CAO).

9 10. On or before January 1, 2015, Golden By-Products shall apply for a major
10 waste tire facility permit (hereafter, referred to as "Major WTFP") subject to the following
11 conditions:

- 12 a. Golden By-Products will submit a Major WTFP application (hereafter,
13 referred to as "permit application") to CalRecycle pursuant to the
14 requirements set forth in Title 14 California Code of Regulations ("CCR"),
15 Division 7, Chapter 6, Article 2 (Filing an Application) and Article 4 (Permit
16 Application);
- 17 b. Golden By-Products will meet all state minimum standard requirements as
18 outlined in Title 14 CCR, Division 7, Chapter 3, Article 5.5 (Waste Tire
19 Storage and Disposal Standards) including but not limited to, an adequate
20 water supply capable of delivering at least 2,000 gpm for a duration of at
21 least three hours if the sum of altered plus whole waste tires exceeds
22 10,000 PTE;
- 23 c. Golden By-Products will increase its financial assurance mechanisms in
24 its permit application to at least \$160,000, with a "surety bond," as set
25 forth in Title 14 CCR sections 18471(a)(7) and 18475, to ensure adequate
26 financial ability to conduct closure activities of the Major Waste Tire
27 Facility. If Golden By-Products is unable to secure a surety bond for
28 \$160,000, Golden By-Products must submit to CalRecycle acceptable

1 written documentation showing inability to secure the \$160,000 surety
2 bond. At all such times as Golden By-Products does not have a \$160,000
3 surety bond, Golden By-Products must have an existing escrow account
4 to cover the costs associated with closure activities of the Major Waste
5 Tire Facility that are not covered by an existing surety bond. Escrow
6 instructions must include the following provision: "Funds in the escrow
7 account shall be released to the Department of Resources Recycling and
8 Recovery (CalRecycle) upon notice of Golden By-Products, Inc.'s failure
9 to conduct closure activities." Golden By-Products must secure the
10 \$160,000 surety bond within six months from applying for the Major
11 WTFP. A violation of this condition will result in a partial default.

- 12 d. CalRecycle will have 30 days to accept the permit application as
13 complete, or reject the permit application.
- 14 e. CalRecycle may reject the permit application for any of the following:
- 15 i. Golden By-Products' failure to meet the requirements as specified
16 above in paragraph 10.a., 10.b. and 10.c.
 - 17 ii. Golden By-Products' failure to meet any of the terms and conditions
18 of this Stipulation.
 - 19 iii. Golden By-Products' failure to submit a permit application that
20 reflects the Site's current operation.
 - 21 iv. Golden By-Products' failure to maintain whole waste tire storage
22 limits at or below 1,000 tons (100,000 PTE) and 6,500 tons of
23 altered waste tires.
- 24 f. If CalRecycle rejects the permit application, CalRecycle will notify Golden
25 By-Products, in writing, enumerating the grounds for rejection. Golden By-
26 Products will have 30 days to cure a rejected permit application. Failure to
27 cure a rejected permit application within 30 days, will result in an
28 automatic partial default penalty of \$2,500 against Golden By-Products,

1 and in favor of CalRecycle.

2 g. March 15, 2015 is the deadline for the permit application to be accepted
3 by CalRecycle.

4 11. If after March 15, 2015, CalRecycle has not accepted the application as
5 complete, Golden By-Products shall reduce the the number of whole waste tires and
6 altered waste tires at the Site to less than 499 PTE. Golden By-Products will have 60
7 days from March 15, 2015 to clean up, remove, and abate the effects of waste tires at
8 the Site to less than 499 PTE. Golden By-Products may enact its cleanup bond to pay
9 for cleanup costs associated with landfill fees, hauling costs, equipment rental cost, and
10 fuel and power costs.

11 12. In the event Golden By-Products is required to clean up, remove and
12 abate the effects of waste tires at the Site and does not do so and waste tires are
13 cleaned up, abated, or any other necessary remedial action is taken by CalRecycle,
14 Golden By-Products shall grant access to CalRecycle, or any authorized agent of
15 CalRecycle, to enter onto the site upon which waste tires are unlawfully stored,
16 stockpiled, or accumulated, to perform all necessary cleanup, abatement, or remedial
17 work as authorized under Pub. Resources Code § 42846. Golden By-Products agrees
18 to be liable to CalRecycle to the extent of the costs actually incurred in cleaning up the
19 waste tires, abating the effects thereof, or taking any other remedial actions to
20 remediate the site.

21 13. At all such times as Golden By-Products is in substantial compliance with
22 the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation, Golden By-Products will remain a
23 reliable contractor and shall not be required to declare on a CalRecycle Form 168 that
24 any of the events listed in that form have occurred.

25 TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING SATISFACTION OF PENALTY

26 14. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, and subject to the
27 limitations hereunder, Golden By-Products stipulates to an administrative penalty of
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1 \$965,000.00 for the violations set forth in this Stipulation. Payment of the penalty shall
2 be satisfied in the following manner:

3 a) Golden By-Products shall pay \$200,000 to CalRecycle in the following
4 manner:

5 i. Golden By-Products will pay to CalRecycle the initial sum of \$20,000
6 on or before the 30th day after the effective date of the Administrative
7 Decision issued pursuant to this Stipulation.

8 ii. Golden By-Products will make 12 monthly payments to CalRecycle of
9 \$1,000 starting on or before the 60th day after the effective date of the
10 Administrative Decision issued pursuant to this Stipulation. Thereafter,
11 Golden By-Products will make monthly payments to CalRecycle of
12 \$4000, until the total amount of said payments, together with the initial
13 \$20,000 payment, totals \$200,000.

14 iii. All payments shall be sent to: CalRecycle, Attn: Richard Guess, P.O.
15 Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025, or to such person and/or
16 place as CalRecycle or its agent may from time to time designate in
17 writing.

18 iv. If any payment by Golden By-Products is not mailed to CalRecycle by
19 the due date, and if Golden By-Products fails to cure the missed
20 payment(s) within twenty (20) days of said missed payment, Golden
21 By-Products shall be found in partial default of this Stipulation and shall
22 pay an automatic partial default penalty of \$10,000.

23 15. Golden By-Products and CalRecycle agree that the remaining
24 administrative penalty of \$765,000 shall be suspended and stayed for a period of five
25 years. The stayed penalty shall be deemed terminated and shall not be paid by Golden
26 By-Products following the five-year period, absent a default as described below, or a
27 violation of the waste tire laws, rules, and regulations set forth in Chapter 16
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1 commencing with Pub. Resources Code § 42800 et seq.), Chapter 19 (commencing
2 with Pub. Resources Code § 42950 et seq.), and Title 14 CCR, Division 7.

3 GENERAL TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

4 16. The Parties agree the following will apply to a full default or partial default
5 of this Stipulation:

6 a) **Full Default:** Unless otherwise specified, Golden By-Products is in full
7 default of this Stipulation if Golden By-Products fails to comply with the terms
8 and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. In the event that CalRecycle
9 discovers a default of this Stipulation, CalRecycle shall notify Golden By-
10 Products by issuing a Notice of Default. Golden By-Products will have 30
11 days from the date of issuance of the Notice of Default to respond to
12 CalRecycle's allegations and provide evidence refuting CalRecycle's claim of
13 default. CalRecycle will review all counterarguments and evidence provided
14 by Golden By-Products and will make a determination as to whether a default
15 occurred, and if appropriate, shall issue a Supplemental Administrative
16 Decision ordering the remaining abeyance penalty amount due and payable.
17 Golden By-Products may appeal CalRecycle's determination within 30 days
18 of the issuance of the Supplemental Administrative Decision. Any and all
19 appeals shall be heard by CalRecycle's Director or the Director's designee.

20 b) **Partial Default:** In the event of a partial default, CalRecycle shall notify
21 Golden By-Products by issuing a Notice of Default and shall state the amount
22 of penalties due. Golden By-Products will have 30 days from the date of
23 issuance of the Notice of Default to respond to CalRecycle's allegations and
24 provide evidence refuting CalRecycle's claim of default. Upon review of
25 counter arguments, CalRecycle shall either advise Golden By-Products that it
26 has determined no default occurred, or shall issue an invoice ordering Golden
27 By-Products to pay the specific penalty within 30 days. If Golden By-Products
28 is in partial default of the Stipulation and is ordered to pay a partial default fine

1 AND fails to do so within 30 days, the failure to pay shall constitute a full
2 default of the Stipulation and the remaining abeyance penalty amount shall
3 become due and payable.

4 17. The Parties agree the following definitions will apply for purposes of
5 compliance with this Stipulation:

6 a) As used in this Stipulation, "whole waste tires" includes processed waste tires
7 that measure larger than a ¼ inch in size and are stored in piles or other
8 methods, but does not include processed waste tires that measure larger than
9 a ¼ inch in size that are stored in super-sacks, bins, or boxes.

10 b) As used in this Stipulation, "altered waste tires" includes processed waste
11 tires that measure larger than a ¼ inch in size and less than two inches in
12 size, and are stored in super-sacks, bins, or boxes.

13 18. The Parties agree that the execution of this Stipulation is done entirely for
14 the purpose of compromise and settlement of the proceeding described above.

15 19. Nothing shall be implied in this Stipulation that shall preclude CalRecycle,
16 CalRecycle's Director, or an agent designated by the Director from using any
17 enforcement mechanism, whether administrative, civil, or criminal, should Golden By-
18 Products commit future violations of the laws, rules, and regulations set forth in Chapter
19 16 commencing with Pub. Resources Code § 42800 et seq.), Chapter 19 (commencing
20 with Pub. Resources Code § 42950 et seq.), and Title 14 CCR, Division 7.

21 20. The Parties agree that any and all enforcement actions taken by
22 CalRecycle and all rights or remedies available under CalRecycle's statutory and
23 regulatory authority pertaining to waste tires and waste tire hauler registration, are
24 independent of CalRecycle's actions taken on any loans issued by CalRecycle to
25 Golden By-Products.

26 21. The Administrative Decision issued pursuant to this Stipulation is
27 considered a final order that can be used in subsequent enforcement actions as the
28 basis for increased penalties.

1 22. No covenant, promise, term, condition, breach, or default of, or under this
2 Stipulation shall be deemed to have been waived except as expressly so stated in
3 writing by CalRecycle. A waiver by CalRecycle of any breach or default by Golden By-
4 Products under this Stipulation shall not be deemed a waiver of any proceeding or
5 subsequent breach or default.

6 23. Golden By-Products has freely and voluntarily entered into this Stipulation
7 and has been afforded the opportunity to seek and consult with counsel prior to entering
8 into this Stipulation. It is expressly understood and agreed that no representations or
9 promises of any kind, other than as contained herein, have been made by any party to
10 induce any other party to enter into this Stipulation, and that said Stipulation may not be
11 altered, amended, modified or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by each
12 of the Parties hereto. The Parties hereto agree to execute and deliver any and all
13 documents and to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to consummate this
14 Stipulation and to carry out its terms and provisions

15 24. Except as expressly provided herein, Golden By-Products waives the right
16 in the entitled matter to a hearing, any and all appeals, and any and all rights that may
17 be afforded pursuant to the Pub. Resources Code, the Administrative Procedure Act, or
18 any other provision of law regarding the express provisions of this Stipulation.

19 25. The terms of this Stipulation shall be binding upon the Parties and inure to
20 the benefit of their representative, successors, heirs, and assigns.

21 26. This Stipulation and the Administrative Decision constitute the entire
22 understanding of the Parties concerning the settlement of this proceeding. There are no
23 restrictions, promises, warranties, covenants, undertakings, or representations other
24 than those expressly set forth herein or contained in separate written documents
25 delivered or to be delivered pursuant hereto, and the Parties expressly acknowledge
26 that they have not relied upon any restrictions, promises, warranties, covenants,
27 undertakings, or representations other than those expressly contained herein.

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1 27. This Stipulation shall not have, or be construed to have, any precedential
2 effect with respect to any present or future litigation by and between the Parties.

3 28. The effective date of this Stipulation is the date of issuance of the
4 Administrative Decision.

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6 Dated: 10/13/2014


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22 Dated: 10-9-14


Brett Barstow
Chief Executive Officer
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