



September 20, 2016

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Dear Howard:

This letter is in support of the C.A.R.E. organization as we understand they are coming up for performance review at CalRecycle. Van Duerr Industries, Inc. dba SafePath Products has been actively designing and marketing recycled products made from waste plastic and end of life tires for multiple product lines for over 22 years.

Our involvement with the CARE organization, especially Dr. Robert Peoples and other members of this organization has been a pleasure and extremely professional. The level of expertise exhibited by this group is extraordinary.

As we begin to delve into the complexities of producing products made from waste carpets we have experienced a level of complexity that we have not experienced with other recycle plastics and tires. The technical difficulties of classifying, processing, cleaning of this material, in our opinion, greatly exceeds the level of difficulty that we have experienced thus far with other recycled products. The level of complexity was clearly demonstrated in the recent CARE conference held in South Carolina earlier this year. It was unfortunate that a representative from CalRecycle was not in attendance at this conference, because this was a keen opportunity to witness the excellent group of experts in the industry brought together by this CARE organization.

It was by one of the most informative and expertly organized conferences we have ever attended. The level of complexity and the challenges that faces this organization and its task of reducing landfills of waste carpet is remarkable. They should be credited with accomplishing so much in such a relatively short time, considering recent funding opportunities only becoming available this year.

We have identified new and exciting opportunities for the reduction of landfills with respect to utilizing waste carpet, these include using waste carpet backing material, which is mostly comprised of CaCO₃, (Calcium Carbonite) and other materials including but not limited to appreciate levels of aluminum, iron, magnesium, sodium and sulfur. Until just recently we have experienced the process for providing raw feed stock material for safe use and production. This new process has been greatly advanced and now provides for wide use of this material that is now safe to use for material handling.

All of this has come about through the committed efforts by Dr. Peoples and his staff at CARE. We encourage CalRecycle to continue to provide support and assistance to this excellent organization.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Vander Heiden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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