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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS REQUIRING CERTAIN CALIFORNIA LIGHT- AND MEDIUM-DUTY VEHICLES TO BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL TIER 2 EXHAUST STANDARDS, AND ADOPTING ADDITIONAL EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HEAVY-DUTY GASOLINE VEHICLES AND ENGINES

On December 7, 2000, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will be considering amendments to its exhaust emission regulations for light-, medium-duty and heavy-duty engines and vehicles. One set of amendments would require that when a manufacturer has certified a light- or medium-duty vehicle model to a federal Tier 2 emissions bin that is more stringent than a California emissions category and does not have an identical California emissions category counterpart, the equivalent model in California would have to be certified either to a more stringent California vehicle emissions category or to the federal standards for the Tier 2 emissions bin. The second set of amendments would adopt additional exhaust emission standards for heavy-duty gasoline engines to align with recently promulgated federal standards. These proposed amendments are designed to implement the principle that only the cleanest available vehicles should be offered in California because of the state's unique air quality challenges.

Staff will hold a public workshop to discuss recommendations to be brought before the Board and to receive public comment. This workshop notice, documents for the December 7, 2000 Board hearing, and subsequent regulatory documents relating to this item will also be made available on the ARB web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/mdv-hdgc/mdv-hdgc.htm> or by contacting staff listed below. Details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: November 15, 2000
Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Location: Air Resources Board
Annex IV
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California

California Environmental Protection Agency

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At the workshop, the ARB staff will present an overview of the proposed regulatory changes and provide opportunity for public comment. If many speakers wish to provide comment at this workshop, the time available for each presentation may be limited. Those interested in providing comment at the workshop are, therefore, encouraged to provide written statements as well.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Cross, Chief
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AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

ALIGNMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND FEDERAL LIGHT- MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS FOR VEHICLES AND ENGINES

November 15, 2000
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El Monte, California

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Staff Proposal to Require Clean Federal Tier2 Light- and Medium-Duty Vehicles to be Sold in California
- III. Staff Proposal to Align California's Heavy-Duty Otto-Cycle (Gasoline) Engine Standards with Federal Standards
- IV. Conclusion