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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 CAL SUPREMA CHEESE AND DEGROOT AND SONS, MANTECA, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Staff has received your \$400 filing fee and has reviewed your 14 October 2003 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Facility History

Cal Suprema Cheese operates a cheese shredding/manufacturing facility at 14253 South Airport Way, Manteca, San Joaquin County. Degroot and Sons owns the property where the facility is located. Both entities are hereafter referred to as "Discharger." The facility was operated as a cheese manufacturing facility by Suprema Cheese and was regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 5-00-057. Suprema Cheese was unable to comply with the requirements of the WDRs and groundwater monitoring revealed groundwater quality degradation had occurred in the area of the wastewater treatment ponds. In a 26 February 2002 meeting, Suprema Cheese was informed that the facility would be transferred to the Regional Board's Title 27 program if the facility could not comply with the requirements of the WDRs (specifically the total dissolved solids limitations). Because of unrelated accounting problems, Suprema declared bankruptcy in early 2003.

The Discharger has recently described a plan to restart a large-scale cheese manufacturing at the facility after wastewater treatment improvements are completed. Prior to restarting cheese manufacturing activities, additional wastewater treatment equipment will be installed and a Report of Waste Discharge will be submitted. In the meantime, the Discharger will operate the facility as a cheese shredding facility.

Discharge Description

Cheese will be brought in from the refrigerator, unwrapped, cut into smaller pieces, and shredded. Cleanup will consist of an initial sweeping or pressurized air cleaning of equipment, a wet cleaning with cleaning chemicals, and a sanitary rinse. Wastewater will be generated during operation and cleanup of the cheese shredding room. The Discharger estimates approximately 7,125 gallons of wastewater will be generated per day.

All wastewater will be collected and will drain to a sump located opposite the facility office. From the sump, wastewater will be pumped into a tanker truck that will be used to transport the wastewater to

the City of Manteca wastewater treatment plant. The Discharger has submitted a copy of its Industrial Waste Discharge Permit with the City. The limited solids generated in the dry cleaning processes will be collected and reused to the extent possible, while contaminated materials will be disposed of as trash. Solids will not be applied to land on-site.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of wastewater produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the method of wastewater and/or solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new report of waste discharge. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver or you must cease the discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Tim O'Brien at (916) 255-3116. Please note that after 19 December 2003, the Regional Board's mailing address will be 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, and Tim's direct telephone number will become (916) 464-4616.

--Original Signed By--

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Executive Officer

Encl: Resolution No. R5-2003-0106

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