

VIA EMAIL

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Attention : Mr. Robin Silvester, President & Chief Executive Officer

**Re: Letter of Support for Resolution of WCRL’s Port of Vancouver Lease**

Further to the communications you have received regarding the future of West Coast Reduction’s (WCRL) operations, we are writing to express our solid support for resolving their Port of Vancouver lease renewal to enable their ongoing investment in and operation of the site. We can attest to the veracity of the key role that WCRL plays in the nexus between agriculture, waste management, clean fuels<sup>1</sup>, and global market access for Canadian exports – they are truly at the heart of core services that provide investment and stable ‘clean growth’ jobs in British Columbia. The scope of services that WCRL provides extends their positive impact across western Canada – supporting canola farmers, ranchers, fossil fuel refining, and clean fuel production, distribution and use.

Most importantly, we wish to highlight the importance of this facility as Canada looks to rebuild the economy in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Our organization has been actively engaged with federal and provincial governments in developing strategies to meet the twin pillars of resilient economic growth and effective climate action. In the [Speech from the Throne](#) on September 23, 2020, Canada committed to taking action on climate change as a core part of its ‘build back better’ economic strategy: ‘*Climate action will be a cornerstone of our plan to support and create a million jobs across the country.*’ Central to this commitment, and indeed to British Columbia’s own [CleanBC](#) climate action plan, is the transition to lower carbon liquid fuels. Clean fuels are the foundation upon which new investments, jobs, and global leadership in clean technologies will stand.

Clean fuels are necessary to exceeding Canada’s 2030 emissions reduction target and to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 – Canada cannot achieve these goals without an immediate and progressive increase in the use of clean fuels. This point is critical – for Canada to support the nascent clean fuels sector and successfully attract new investment and compete in the growing global clean fuels market, we must have the ability to economically process biofuel feedstocks, and receive and ship clean fuels and feedstocks in commercial volumes. ***WCRL’s Port of Vancouver operations are an essential enabler of clean fuel sector growth in the decades ahead. Conversely, the loss of this facility would set Canada, and BC, back decades in the development of a competitive clean fuels sector.***

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<sup>1</sup> Clean fuels are defined as non-fossil, low carbon fuels, such as biofuels and synthetic fuels.

*Advanced Biofuels Canada / Biocarburants avancés Canada* is a national trade association, headquartered in BC since 2005, that promotes the production and use of low carbon advanced biofuels and synthetic fuels in Canada. Our members are global leaders in commercial production of advanced biofuels, with over 14 billion litres of installed annual capacity worldwide. Our members produce and supply biofuels and biofuel feedstocks in BC, across North America, and globally, have invested in advanced biofuels processing and supply chain operations across Canada. Our members and their clients are actively bringing to market in Canada over \$15 billion in next generation low carbon clean fuels.

We appreciate your consideration of the clean fuel sector, and welcome any questions or comments that you may have. If it would assist your evaluation of the WCRL situation, we would be pleased to set up an online meeting.

Sincerely,



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