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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: E. & J. Gallo Winery

Project Title: Gallo Compressor System Optimization and Refrigeration System Conversion

Project Location:

| Address | City | County |
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| 18000 River Rd | Livingston 95334 | Merced |
| 105 Zinfandel Ln | Saint Helena 94574 | Napa |

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves the removal and replacement of aging and inefficient compressor system equipment with drop-in ready replacement equipment at E. & J. Gallo's winery in Livingston and will remove an existing high-GWP R-22 refrigeration system and retrofit it to a low-GWP ammonia refrigeration system at its St. Helena beverage processing facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: E. & J. Gallo Winery

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301. This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at two existing food processing facilities and will result in no expansion of the existing use. The equipment to be replaced includes advanced refrigeration system and piping and fittings at the St. Helena winery and a compressor system and control systems at the Livingston winery. Site preparation may include a new concrete pad. The materials used to construct the system are chemically inert, not hazardous to human health, and do not have a significant effect on the environment. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. §15301.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15302 This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at two existing food processing facilities in Livingston, CA and St. Helena, CA. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at existing food processing facilities to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced includes advanced refrigeration system and associated piping and fittings at the Recipient's wine processing facility in St. Helena and a compressor system and associated control systems at the Recipient's wine processing facility in Livingston. The new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced. For these reasons, the project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15302.

Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project is exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cyrus Ghandi **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0762

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Cyrus Ghandi **Date:** 5/25/2021 **Title:** Electric Generation System Specialist I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____