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From: California Energy Commission
 715 P Street
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Project Applicant: WWF Operating Company, LLC

Project Title: Danone North America - Boiler Stack and Process Wastewater Heat Recovery

Project Location – Specific: 18275 Arenth Ave

Project Location – City: City Of Industry 91748 **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Energy Commission will provide a \$704,264 grant to WWF Operating Company (Recipient) to fund the installation of two new heat recovery systems at the Recipient's dairy processing facility in the City of Industry, California. One system will repurpose waste steam condensate created during the direct contact sterilization stage while the other system captures flue-gas heat from the boiler. The heat recovery systems will be installed inside the existing food processing building. These new systems will reduce GHG emissions, gas use, water consumption, and operating costs. Beneficiaries include WWF Operating Company and local communities around the Recipient's dairy processing facility (with decrease of GHG emissions).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: WWF Operating Company, LLC

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:

14 C.C.R. §15301. This project will involve minor alteration of an existing private facility and mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in the City of Industry, involving negligible or no expansion or existing or former use. The project will be installing a steam condensate recovery system and a flue-gas heat capture system. Both systems will be installed inside the existing building and may involve modifying steam lines and concrete work at the recipient's dairy processing facility. The installation will involve minor alteration of existing mechanical equipment with no expansion beyond the existing use of the food processing facility and will not have significant effect on the environment. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. §15301.

14 C.C.R. §15302. This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in the City of Industry. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment to reduce

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

energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. 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.

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

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Matthew Stevens **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 919-916-0133

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: Matthew Stevens **Date:** Aug 14, 2023 **Title:** Mechanical Engineer
Matthew Stevens (Aug 14, 2023 11:55 PDT)

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____







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