State of California – California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research From: Department of Toxic Substances Control

State Clearinghouse Permitting Division

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Project Title: Emergency Permit for Treatment of Hazardous Waste, TE Connectivity, Fremont,

California

Project Location: 6900 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, California 94555

County: Alameda

Project Applicant: Tina Clemente, Administrative Support

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Emergency Permit

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Sec. 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to the TE Connectivity, (EPA ID# CAR000260455) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with chemical solutions. Specifically, three (3) 1-liter containers of Ethylene Glycol Butyl Ether must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at TE Connectivity located at 6900 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, California. DTSC has determined as a safety precaution to prevent an accident or severe injury, an Emergency Permit should be issued to chemically stabilize the hazardous waste prior to storage and eventual transportation off-site by Clean Harbors Environmental Services (CHES).

Background: The containers have peroxide formation present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemical's containers, as well as the thread container caps. The presence of peroxide may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. Due to the presence of peroxide formation, DTSC considers this chemical to be an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

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<u>Project Activities</u>: The treatment of this hazardous waste involves the addition of solutions to the containers in a controlled manner to reduce the reactive or ignitable characteristics of the chemical. Treatment will take place within a designated exclusion zone. Only technicians from CHES will be allowed in the exclusion zone. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the containers will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, TE Connectivity will submit a final report, signed in accordance with Title 22, CCR Sec. 66270.11(d). The report shall include certification that the treatment area has been cleared of all residual hazardous waste generated from this emergency treatment and all generated waste has been properly managed. The Emergency Permit is effective beginning March 7, 2024, and shall expire on June 4, 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clean Harbors Environmental Services

Exempt Status: Emergency Project [Public Resources Code (PRC), Sec. 21080(b)(4); 14 CCR, Sec. 15269(b)(c)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This action is necessary to prevent an emergency. Chemical stabilization of the chemicals is necessary prior to transportation to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility to prevent accidental fire and/or explosion during transport.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Approver's Name Approver's Title Approver's Phone Number

Hai-Yong Kang Hazardous Substances (916) 255-6522

Engineer

Approver's Signature: Date:

March 7, 2024

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