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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Date: August 28, 2020
To: Agencies and Interested Parties
From: City of Ripon Planning Department
Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
for the Proposed Diamond Pet Foods Project
Review Period: August 28, 2020 to October 12, 2020

Project Location: The Diamond Pet Foods Processing Facility (project site) is a pet food production facility located in an industrial area within the City of Ripon, in San Joaquin County. The address of the facility is 942 South Stockton Avenue, Ripon, CA 95366. The Diamond Pet Foods property totals approximately 157 acres, of which the existing production facility occupies approximately 27 acres (including buildings, paved parking areas, paved driveways, and other impervious surface areas). Regional access is provided by State Route (SR) 99 and Main Street (which connects SR 99 and South Stockton Avenue).

Based on a search of Section 65962.5 of the Government Code and a search for sites with reported hazardous material spills, leaks, and ongoing investigations or remediation near the project site, no hazardous contamination sites are located in this area.

Project Description: Diamond Pet Foods (Diamond) proposes to add a fourth production line to its existing facility in the City of Ripon. The expansion would be contained entirely within the existing physical structure of the facility. The addition of a fourth production line would increase the total production capacity of the facility from 780 tons/day to 1,040 tons/day. Fabrication of the equipment for the fourth production line would be performed at a location outside of California. Installation of the equipment at the Diamond facility would last for three to four months, beginning in 2020, depending on the fabrication lead time.

Significant Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR identified one potentially significant project impact related to air quality (specifically, odors) that would be reduced to a less-than-significant level after implementation of mitigation measures. Project impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change and energy would be less than significant. All other resource areas were scoped out in the Initial Study prepared for the project (as discussed in and appended to the Draft EIR).

Document Availability: The Draft EIR is available for review during normal business hours at the City of Ripon Planning Department (259 N. Wilma Avenue, Ripon). The Draft EIR is also available online at: http://www.cityofripon.org/connect/city_communication/public_notices.

Send Comments to: City of Ripon Planning Department, 259 N. Wilma Avenue, Ripon, CA 95366; or fax (209) 599-2685; or email kzuidervaart@cityofripon.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2020.

For more information on the project, please contact the Planning Director, Ken Zuidervaart, at (209) 599-2108.

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