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**Subject: Response to Preliminary Determination of Potential Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances – Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Cosmopolis WA**

Dear Ha Tran:

On behalf of Weyerhaeuser NR Company (“Weyerhaeuser”), I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 1, 2023, regarding the WA State Department of Ecology’s (“Ecology’s”) preliminary determination of potential liability for release of hazardous substances at Cosmo Specialty Fibers, 1701 First Street, Cosmopolis WA 98537; cleanup site ID 2375, facility/site ID 32 (the “Cosmo Site”). Weyerhaeuser does not have reason to dispute the basic facts in your letter and, without admitting any liability, accepts its status as a potentially liable person (“PLP”) for the Cosmo Site. However, we wanted to share two additional facts that are important to Weyerhaeuser’s interaction with Ecology at this site moving forward:

- 1) Weyerhaeuser’s position is that Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Inc., (“Cosmo”) assumed all liability and agreed to indemnify Weyerhaeuser for environmental contamination at the Cosmo Site when it acquired the site from Weyerhaeuser Company. Weyerhaeuser will be tendering responsibility for any costs associated with Ecology’s proposed investigation and clean up to them. Therefore, we fully expect Cosmo to be in the lead as the performing party on this effort, and would expect Weyerhaeuser’s involvement to be minimal. That said, we are willing to cooperate with Ecology to support the remediation effort as needed.
- 2) Pursuant to an internal re-structuring circa 2010, Weyerhaeuser NR Company, a fully-owned subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser Company, took ownership of Weyerhaeuser’s manufacturing facilities and related assets, and also assumed liability for environmental contamination associated with current and former manufacturing sites. Therefore, the appropriate Weyerhaeuser entity for PLP status and future interactions concerning this site is Weyerhaeuser NR Company. We are willing to provide documentation supporting this change if necessary.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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