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Mr. Lee Erikson Zeneca, Inc. 1800 Concord Pike. P.O. Box 15437 Wilmington, Delaware 19850-5437

SUBJECT:

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT ZENECA RICHMOND FACILITY, CITY OF RICHMOND, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Dear Mr. Erikson:

We have reviewed your application to conduct remedial activities at the Zeneca Richmond Facility, located at 1415 South 47th Street, in the city of Richmond, Contra Costa County. The remedial activities are required by Site Cleanup Requirements Order Nos. 01-101 and 01-102, issued by the Regional Board. The purpose of the project activities are to address affected soil and groundwater. Project activities include remediation of chemically- affected sediments in the beds of two freshwater lagoons, localized remediation of soil and groundwater, and excavation and treatment of spent pyrite ore, which was historically placed on-site as fill. The project area is adjacent to West Stege Marsh and East Stege Marsh. In addition, a habitat corridor will be created between East and West Stege Marsh.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that the project is authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 38, Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board has issued a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for NWP No. 38. Correspondingly, water quality certification has been issued for the project.

We anticipate no further action on this request for water quality certification. The project activities must be in compliance with Site Cleanup Requirements Order Nos. 01-101 and 01-102.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-622-5682, or e-mail at til@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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