

APPENDIX D-3
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UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST AGREEMENT**

1. Identity of Lead Agency

The State of Oregon _____ (“Beneficiary”), by and through the Office of the Governor (or, if not a State, the analogous Chief Executive) of the Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A entity on whose behalf the Certification Form is submitted: (i) hereby identifies the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality _____ (“Lead Agency”) as the Lead Agency for purposes of the Beneficiary’s participation in the Environmental Mitigation Trust (“Trust”) as a Beneficiary; and (ii) hereby certifies that the Lead Agency has the delegated authority to act on behalf of and legally bind the Beneficiary for purposes of the Trust.

BENEFICIARY’S LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact:	Leah Feldon, Deputy Director
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2. Submission to Jurisdiction

The Beneficiary expressly consents to the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California for all matters concerning the interpretation or performance of, or any disputes arising under, the Trust and the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement (“Trust Agreement”). The Beneficiary’s agreement to federal jurisdiction for this purpose shall not be construed as consent to federal court jurisdiction for any other purpose.

3. Agreement to be Bound by the Trust Agreement and Consent to Trustee Authority

The Beneficiary agrees, without limitation, to be bound by the terms of the Trust Agreement, including the allocations of the Trust Assets set forth in Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A to the Trust Agreement, as such allocation may be adjusted in accordance with the Trust Agreement. The Beneficiary further agrees that the Trustee has the authorities set forth in the Trust Agreement, including, but not limited to, the authority: (i) to approve, deny, request modifications, or request further information related to any request for funds pursuant to the Trust Agreement; and (ii) to implement the Trust Agreement in accordance with its terms.

4. Certification of Legal Authority

The Beneficiary certifies that: (i) it has the authority to sign and be bound by this Certification Form; (ii) the Beneficiary’s laws do not prohibit it from being a Trust Beneficiary; (iii) either (a)

the Beneficiary's laws do not prohibit it from receiving or directing payment of funds from the Trust, or (b) if the Beneficiary does not have the authority to receive or direct payment of funds from the Trust, then prior to requesting any funds from the Trust, the Beneficiary shall obtain full legal authority to receive and/or direct payments of such funds within two years of submitting this Certification Form; and (iv) if the Beneficiary does not have the authority to receive or direct payment of funds from the Trust and fails to demonstrate that it has obtained such legal authority within two years of submitting this Certification Form, it shall become an Excluded Entity under the Trust Agreement and its initial allocation shall be redistributed among the Beneficiaries pursuant to subparagraph 5.0.1 of the Trust Agreement.

5. Certification of Legal Compliance and Disposition of Unused Funds

The Beneficiary certifies and agrees that, in connection with all actions related to the Trust and the Trust Agreement, the Beneficiary has followed and will follow all applicable law and will assume full responsibility for its decisions in that regard. The Beneficiary further certifies that all funds received on account of any Eligible Mitigation Action request that are not used for the Eligible Mitigation Action shall be returned to the Trust for credit to the Beneficiary's allocation.

6. Waiver of Claims for Injunctive Relief under Environmental or Common Laws

Upon becoming a Beneficiary, the Beneficiary, on behalf of itself and all of its agencies, departments, offices, and divisions, hereby expressly waives, in favor of the parties (including the Settling Defendants) to the Partial Consent Decree (Dkt. No. 2103-1) and the parties (including the Defendants) to the Second Partial Consent Decree (Dkt. No. 3228-1), all claims for injunctive relief to redress environmental injury caused by the 2.0 Liter Subject Vehicles and the 3.0 Liter Subject Vehicles (jointly, "Subject Vehicles"), whether based on the environmental or common law within its jurisdiction. This waiver is binding on all agencies, departments, offices, and divisions of the Beneficiary asserting, purporting to assert, or capable of asserting such claims. This waiver does not waive, and the Beneficiary expressly reserves, its rights, if any, to seek fines or penalties.

7. Publicly Available Information

The Beneficiary certifies that it will maintain and make publicly available all documentation and records: (i) submitted by it in support of each funding request; and (ii) supporting all expenditures of Trust Funds by the Beneficiary, each until the Termination Date of the Trust pursuant to Paragraph 6.8 of the Trust Agreement, unless the laws of the Beneficiary require a longer record retention period. Together herewith, the Beneficiary attaches an explanation of: (i) the procedures by which the records may be accessed, which shall be designed to support access and limit burden for the general public; (ii) for the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan required under Paragraph 4.1 of the Trust Agreement, the procedures by which public input will be solicited and considered; and (iii) a description of whether and the extent to which the certification in this Paragraph 7 is subject to the Beneficiary's applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information.

8. Notice of Availability of Mitigation Action Funds

The Beneficiary certifies that, not later than 30 Days after being deemed a Beneficiary pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Beneficiary will provide a copy of the Trust Agreement with Attachments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and any other Federal agency that has custody, control or management of land within or contiguous to the territorial boundaries of the Beneficiary and has by then notified the Beneficiary of its interest hereunder, explaining that the Beneficiary may request Eligible Mitigation Action funds for use on lands within that Federal agency's custody, control or management (including, but not limited to, Clean Air Act Class I and II areas), and setting forth the procedures by which the Beneficiary will review, consider, and make a written determination upon each such request.

9. Registration of Subject Vehicles

The Beneficiary certifies, for the benefit of the Parties (including the Settling Defendants) to the Partial Consent Decree and the Parties to the Second Partial Consent Decree (including the Defendants) and the owners from time-to-time of Subject Vehicles, that upon becoming a Beneficiary, the Beneficiary:

- (a) Shall not deny registration to any Subject Vehicle based solely on:
 - i. The presence of a defeat device or AECD covered by the resolution of claims in the Partial Consent Decree or in the Second Partial Consent Decree; or
 - ii. Emissions resulting from such a defeat device or AECD; or
 - iii. The availability of an Approved Emissions Modification, an Emissions Compliant Recall or the Buyback, Lease Termination, and Owner/Lessee Payment Program.
- (b) Shall not deny registration to any Subject Vehicle that has been modified in accordance with an Approved Emissions Modification or an Emissions Compliant Recall based solely on:
 - i. The fact that the vehicle has been modified in accordance with the Approved Emissions Modification or the Emissions Compliant Recall; or
 - ii. Emissions resulting from the modification (including, but not limited to, the anticipated emissions described in Appendix B to the Partial Consent Decree and Appendix B to the Second Partial Consent Decree); or
 - iii. Other emissions-related vehicle characteristics that result from the modification; or

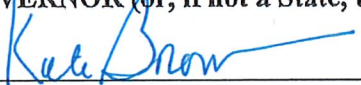
iv. The availability of an Approved Emissions Modification, an Emissions Compliant Recall or the Buyback, Lease Termination, and Owner/Lessee Payment Program.

- (c) May identify Subject Vehicles as having been modified, or not modified, in accordance with the Approved Emissions Modification or the Emissions Compliant Recall on the basis of VIN-specific information provided to the Beneficiary by the Defendants.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Beneficiary may deny registration to any Subject Vehicle on the basis that the Subject Vehicle fails to meet EPA's or the Beneficiary's failure criteria for the onboard diagnostic ("OBD") inspection; or on other grounds authorized or required under applicable federal regulations (including an approved State Implementation Plan) or under Section 209 or 177 of the Clean Air Act and not explicitly excluded in subparagraphs 9(a)-(b).

10. Reliance on Certification

The Beneficiary acknowledges that the Trustee is entitled to rely conclusively on, without further duty of inquiry, and shall be protected in relying upon, this Appendix D-3 Certification, or a subsequent communication from the Lead Agency designating new or additional authorized individuals, as setting forth the Lead Agency and the authorized individuals who may direct the Trustee with respect to all of the Beneficiary's rights and duties under the Trust Agreement. The Beneficiary and its delegated Lead Agency, including all authorized individuals, agree to comply with all security procedures, standard payment and signatory authorization protocols, as well as procedures for designating new or additional authorized individuals, as set forth by the Trustee.

FOR THE GOVERNOR (or, if not a State, the analogous Chief Executive):

Signature: 


Name: Kate Brown

Title: Governor

Date: 11-17-17

Location: Office of the Governor, 900 Court Street, Suite 254, Salem, Oregon 97301

[FOR OTHER REQUIRED SIGNATORIES]:

Signature: 

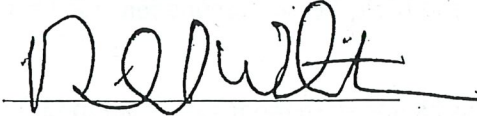
Name: Ellen Rosenblum

Title: Attorney General

Date: 11/14/2017

Location: OR Dept of Justice, 1162 Court St NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

[FOR OTHER REQUIRED SIGNATORIES]:

Signature: 

Name: Richard Whitman

Title: Director

Date: 11/9/2017

Location: OR Dept of Environmental Quality, 700 NE Multnomah Street Suite 600, Portland, OR 972

Exhibit A - The state of Oregon's certification regarding publically available information and involvement associated with the Environmental Mitigation Plan

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), as the lead agency for the state of Oregon implementing the Environmental Mitigation Plan, has established a webpage on the VW Settlement and mitigation actions. DEQ will post links on that website to the documentation required to be made public under Paragraph 7 of the Appendix D-3 Certification for Beneficiary Status form. The public will thereby be able to easily access program information with very little burden. DEQ also is subject to Oregon Public Records and Public Meetings Laws, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) chapter 192. These laws and accompanying guidance prepared by the Oregon Attorney General outlines best practice for public access to records and exemptions in the case of confidential business information and personally identifiable information meeting exemption criteria. To the limited extent information is submitted to DEQ that meets exemption criteria under the Public Records Law, DEQ will maintain that information as confidential.

Funding requests and expenditure reporting

Initially the DEQ expects to directly solicit eligible projects among school districts in a process outlined in authorizing legislation (SB 1008, 2017). In the future, we anticipate authorization for funding among other eligible mitigation categories. In this situation projects may be solicited by a competitive process selecting projects by scoring against identified criteria. In either case, records of the applicant and selected projects will be posted and made available on the DEQ webpage on the VW Settlement and mitigation actions and on the Oregon Records Management System (ORMS), which is also publically accessible via the internet. Information about the project and expenditures in the ORMS will be accessible via readily available search procedures. Records will be retained until the termination date of the Environmental Mitigation Fund or by retention schedules determined by the State Archivist under ORS 192.105, whichever is longer.

Environmental Mitigation Plan

The DEQ maintains a listing of individuals who have identified an interest in following activity associated with implementing the terms of the Volkswagen Settlement. Access to subscribe to this DEQ mailing list is available from multiple locations on the agency's website but is particularly solicited on the DEQ webpage on the VW Settlement and mitigation actions. Notice of proposals for the initial Environmental Mitigation Plan and any subsequent amendments will be made to this email list as well as published on DEQ's webpages, including the DEQ homepage and on the VW Settlement and mitigation actions webpage, and augmented by the use of notices distributed via social media like Facebook and Twitter. A 30 day comment period with at least one public hearing or webinar will be held during that time to collect public input regarding the Plan. The DEQ is overseen by a five member citizen panel, the Environmental Quality Commission, that serves as the agency's policy making and rulemaking board. Initially, the DEQ has been authorized prescriptively by the Oregon Legislature to direct funds towards school bus replacements. For this initial plan we will inform the Commission of the elements of the initial plan because no further action is required on its part. In any subsequent amendments that may entail rulemaking, Commission approval will be sought after appropriate notice and comment rulemaking procedures have been met.