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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of: Vast Enterprises Inc. dba Liquid Packaging Company, Respondent.

Docket No. FIFRA-09-2023-0065

WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.14(d), Complainant, the Manager of the Toxics Section in the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region IX hereby withdraws the Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Complaint") that EPA Region IX filed against Vast Enterprises Inc. dba Liquid Packaging Company ("Respondent") on June 15, 2023 for alleged violations of section 12 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA"), 7 U.S.C. § 136j.

Section 22.14(d) provides that "the complainant may withdraw the complaint, or any part thereof, without prejudice one time before the answer has been filed." In this case, Respondent was served with the Complaint on September 20, 2023 but has never filed an Answer to

Complaint. Based on information and belief, Respondent has ceased operations and sold and depleted any assets that remained after it ceased operations. Given these circumstances, Complainant is longer interested in further expending scarce Agency resources to pursue this matter and withdraws the Complaint in this matter without prejudice.

Dated on this <u>3rd</u> day of October 2024.

MATTHEW SALAZAR Digitally signed by MATTHEW SALAZAR Date: 2024.10.03 13:32:32 -07'00'

Matt Salazar, PE Manager, Toxics Section Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and one copy of the foregoing Withdrawal of Complaint

and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, United States

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX and that a true and correct copy of the Withdrawal

of Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was sent by U.S. Certified Mail, Return

Receipt Requested, to:

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