UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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In re FIFRA Section 6(b) Notice of Intent to Cancel Pesticide Registrations for Chlorpyrifos Products

Gharda Chemicals International, Inc. and Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association, et al.,

Petitioners

Docket No. FIFRA-HQ-2023-0001

NOTICE OF DELIVERY OF

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL PESTICIDE REGISTRATIONS

In response to the Order to Respondent to Respond dated February 8, 2023, Respondent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Respondent") respectfully submits this Notice of Delivery of Notice of Intent to Cancel Pesticide Registrations for three registered chlorpyrifos products.

The Rules of Practice Governing Hearings, Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Arising from Refusals to Register, Cancellations of Registrations, Changes of Classifications, Suspensions of Registrations and Other Hearings Called Pursuant to Section 6 of the Act, 40 C.F.R. part 164, require that all notices of intent to cancel a registration be sent to the registrant by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) and be published by appropriate announcement in the Federal Register. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 164.8.

On December 14, 2022, Respondent published in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to Cancel ("NOIC") the registrations of three pesticide products pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA"), 7 U.S.C. § 136d(b), which identifies Petitioner Gharda Chemicals International, Inc. ("Gharda") as the registrant for the products subject to the NOIC. Chlorpyrifos; Notice of Intent to Cancel Pesticide Registrations, 87 Fed. Reg. 76,474 (Dec. 14, 2022).

In its Request for Hearing and Statement of Objections ("Objections"), Petitioner Gharda asserts that as of the date it filed its Objections, it had not yet received a copy of the NOIC from Respondent. Objections at 2. Petitioner Gharda noted that the NOIC included an incorrect address of record for Petitioner Gharda. Objections at 2. The NOIC stated that Gharda's address of record was **4932** Crockers Lake Blvd., Suite 818, Sarasota, Florida 34238, *id.* at 76,474, but Petitioner Gharda, in its Objections, noted that the correct address was **4032** Crockers Lake Blvd., Suite 818, Sarasota, Florida 34238. *Id.* at n.5.

Although Respondent does not have a record of sending a copy of the NOIC to Petitioner Gharda at either address on or around December 14, 2022, after being made aware of this error via the Objections, Respondent sent a copy of the NOIC to Petitioner Gharda at its correct address of record by certified mail (return receipt requested) on January 18, 2023. Ex. 1. As of the date hereof, Respondent has not yet received the return receipt; however, the tracking number¹ provided by the United States Postal Service indicates that the NOIC was marked "Delivered, Individual Picked Up at Postal Facility" on January 24, 2023, at 10:07 AM. Ex. 2.

Section 6(b) of FIFRA states that requests for hearing must be filed at the end of 30 days following the date of receipt by the registrant or publication of the notice, whichever occurs later. 7 U.S.C. § 136d(b). Regardless of the date on which the registrant received the NOIC, which

¹ See United States Postal Service Tracking Number 70083230000094510189, available at https://tools.usps.com/go/TrackConfirmAction?qtc_tLabels1=70083230000094510189.

based on the information available to EPA at this time appears to be January 24, 2023, Petitioner Gharda has already filed its request for hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 22, 2023

/s/ Aaron Newell

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Counsel for Respondent

<u>Exhibit 1</u>

EPA Receipt for Mailing NOIC via Certified Mail (Return Receipt Requested)

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	 valuables, please consider Insured or Registered Mail. For an additional fee, a <i>Return Receipt</i> may be requested to provide proof of delivery. To obtain Return Receipt service, please complete and attach a Return Receipt (PS Form 3811) to the article and add applicable postage to cover the fee. Endorse mailpiece "Return Receipt Requested". To receive a fee waiver for a duplicate return receipt, a USPS® postmark on your Certified Mail receipt is required. For an additional fee, delivery may be restricted to the addressee or addressee's authorized agent. Advise the clerk or mark the mailpiece with the endorsement "<i>Restricted Delivery</i>". If a postmark on the Certified Mail receipt is desired, please present the article at the post office for postmarking. If a postmark on the Certified Mail receipt is not needed, detach and affix label with postage and mail. IMPORTANT: Save this receipt and present it when making an inquiry. PS Form 3800, August 2006 (<i>Reverse</i>) PSN 7530-02-000-9047 	
A DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER.		

<u>Exhibit 2</u>

Status of United States Postal Service Tracking Number 70083230000094510189

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Latest Update Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 10:07 am on January 24, 2023 in SARASOTA, FL 34238. Get More Out of USPS Tracking: USPS Tracking Plus®	 Delivered Delivered, Individual Picked Up at Postal Facility SARASOTA, FL 34238 January 24, 2023, 10:07 am Available for Redelivery or Pickup PODEETS January 23, 2023, 5:41 pm Notice Left (No Authorized Recipient Available) SARASOTA, FL 34238 January 23, 2023, 11:21 am Departed USPS Regional Facility SARASOTA FL DISTRIBUTION CENTER January 22, 2023, 2:40 am Arrived at USPS Regional Facility SARASOTA FL DISTRIBUTION CENTER January 21, 2023, 2:34 pm Hide Tracking History

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing NOTICE OF DELIVERY OF NOTICE OF INTENT

TO CANCEL PESTICIDE REGISTRATIONS, dated February 22, 2023, was filed

electronically with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Administrative Law

Judges E-filing system.

I also certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF DELIVERY OF

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL PESTICIDE REGISTRATIONS was served on Petitioners

via electronic mail to:

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