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January 23, 2014

Mr. Ron Melin  
Senior Environmental Planner  
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Kelso, WA 98626

RE: Columbia River Carbonates Marine Terminal Project

Dear Mr. Melin,

Columbia River Carbonates (CRC) has been in business in the City of Woodland for 28 years. They have been a good neighbor and valued employer with family wage jobs for over 60 workers during this time. They are planning to build a marine terminal on the Columbia River to more efficiently receive the raw materials they need for their operations. The City of Woodland supports their application.

The City of Woodland is concerned about the potential loss of jobs should this project fail to gain approval. Transportation costs have risen for CRC over the past few years to the point where their profitability is at stake over the next decade. We believe this project is a win-win for South Cowlitz County and the Woodland Community.

The Woodland City Council voted at their January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to support the CRC application for a marine terminal on the Columbia River. We hope that Cowlitz County will give favorable consideration to the application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 360-225-8281 or email me at [lasekeg@ci.woodland.wa.us](mailto:lasekeg@ci.woodland.wa.us).

Sincerely,

Grover Laseke, Mayor  
City of Woodland

cc: City Council  
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