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VIA E-MAIL & USPS

Mary Gearheart, Chair
Humboldt County Planning Commission
Clark Complex
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: *General Plan Update/ Mercer-Fraser Company Willow Creek Site
(APN 522-49-115; 522-49-117; 522-49-120; 522-49-121)*

Dear Chair Gearheart:

On behalf of our client, the Mercer-Fraser Company ("Mercer-Fraser"), we would like to thank the Planning Commission ("Commission") for the opportunity to provide comments at the Humboldt County General Plan Update hearing on January 5, 2012. At the hearing, we requested that the Commission designate the entirety of Mercer-Fraser's Willow Creek site "IR" (Industrial, Resource Related) in the General Plan Update. The IR land use designation is compatible with existing uses on the site and would allow Mercer-Fraser to continue performing operations on the site as it has since the 1960s.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the Commission's unanimous straw vote in which it indicated its preference for General Plan Update Alternative B. The vote was coupled with the understanding that Mercer-Fraser and the County would pursue additional analysis to determine whether additional portions of the site should be designated IR. We are eager to proceed with these discussions.

Again, we greatly appreciate your attention to this very important matter. Of course, please feel free to contact me at (916) 706-2639 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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