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Mr. Joel Grant, M.Sc. Manager, Environment and Sustainability -West Maple Leaf Foods Inc. 870 Lagimodiere Blvd. Winnipeg, MB R2J 0T9

Dear Mr. Grant:

Re: Maple Leaf Food Inc. – Environment Act Licence No. 2311 S2 R4 – Notice of Alteration

Receipt of your January 6, 2015 letter is acknowledged as a notice of alteration in accordance with Section 14 of *The Environment Act*.

The requested change to the Development as Licensed is to construct and operate a Butina-MPS carbon dioxide stunning system to replace the electrical stunners which are currently used at the development. Your letter states that carbon dioxide has been proven to be the most reliable and preferred stunning slaughter method for ensuring consistency in terms of humane animal handling practices and product quality in North America and Europe.

The implementation of the new system will increase the plant's overall CO_2 emissions by approximately 4% and there are no expected effects to wastewater or drainage due to this change at the development.

The potential environmental effect of the requested change to the Development as Licensed is insignificant and considered to be a minor alteration in accordance with section 14(2) of *The Environment Act*. Approval is hereby granted for the construction and operation of the carbon dioxide stunning system as described in your January 6, 2015 letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Winsor at 204-945-7012.

Yours truly,

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Tracey Braun, M.Sc.
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