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Dear Sue Lo and Robert Poirier:

RE: Notice of Termination – Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program

This letter is to provide notice of termination for the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) program, pursuant to section 14 of the *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016* (WDTA). Upon wind up of the MHSW program, any industry stewardship plans (ISP) will also end at that time, including those ISPs that were operated by Product Care Association for paints, pesticides, solvents and fertilizers, Automotive Material Stewardship for antifreeze, oil filters and oil containers, and SodaStream for Soda Stream's carbon dioxide pressurized containers.

As required by the WDTA, on June 8, 2023, Stewardship Ontario, the MHSW program's industry funding organization, provided me with its final report which summarizes how it implemented the steps in its approved wind-up plan for the MHSW program.

Stewardship Ontario was directed on April 12, 2018, to develop and consult on a wind-up plan for the MHSW program. On December 27, 2019, Stewardship Ontario's wind-up plan was approved by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (the Authority). The Authority also approved subsequent amendments to the wind-up plan, including those related to revised direction for the program wind-up date as well as the distribution of surplus and residual funds.

The MHSW program started on July 1, 2008, and ended operations on September 30, 2021, and collected and managed over 235,000 tonnes of material, in addition to 120,000 tonnes of material collected and managed by separately operated ISPs. The program included nine materials, including paints and coatings, solvents, oil filters, oil containers, antifreeze, pesticides, fertilizers, pressurized containers and single-use batteries.

As part of Ontario's transition to a producer responsibility framework under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016* (RRCEA), producers of single-use batteries were required to establish and operate collection and management systems as set out under the Batteries Regulation starting on July 1, 2020. Similarly, producers of the eight remaining materials in the MHSW program became obligated for their end of life products under the Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation on October 1, 2021.

I would like to recognize Stewardship Ontario and the efforts of industry stewards, industry stewardship organizations, municipal representatives, service providers as well as consumers that participated in the MHSW program. I am confident that the current HSP Regulation will continue to build on the former program's success.

Lastly, in addition to this letter being posted on the Environmental Registry, Stewardship Ontario and the Authority shall post this letter on their websites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Piccini', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Piccini
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: Serge Imbrogno, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Frank Denton, CEO, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority