

**APPENDIX D-3**  
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UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST AGREEMENT**

**1. Identity of Lead Agency**

The State of North Dakota \_\_\_\_\_ (“Beneficiary”), by and through the Office of the Governor (or, if not a State, the analogous Chief Executive) of the Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A entity on whose behalf the Certification Form is submitted: (i) hereby identifies North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality \_\_\_\_\_ (“Lead Agency”) as the Lead Agency for purposes of the Beneficiary’s participation in the Environmental Mitigation Trust (“Trust”) as a Beneficiary; and (ii) hereby certifies that the Lead Agency has the delegated authority to act on behalf of and legally bind the Beneficiary for purposes of the Trust.

**BENEFICIARY’S LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<b>Contact:</b>	L. David Glatt, P.E., Director, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
<b>Address:</b>	918 East Divide Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58501
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**2. Submission to Jurisdiction**

The Beneficiary expressly consents to the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California for all matters concerning the interpretation or performance of, or any disputes arising under, the Trust and the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement (“Trust Agreement”). The Beneficiary’s agreement to federal jurisdiction for this purpose shall not be construed as consent to federal court jurisdiction for any other purpose.

**3. Agreement to be Bound by the Trust Agreement and Consent to Trustee Authority**

The Beneficiary agrees, without limitation, to be bound by the terms of the Trust Agreement, including the allocations of the Trust Assets set forth in Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A to the Trust Agreement, as such allocation may be adjusted in accordance with the Trust Agreement. The Beneficiary further agrees that the Trustee has the authorities set forth in the Trust Agreement, including, but not limited to, the authority: (i) to approve, deny, request modifications, or request further information related to any request for funds pursuant to the Trust Agreement; and (ii) to implement the Trust Agreement in accordance with its terms.

**4. Certification of Legal Authority**

The Beneficiary certifies that: (i) it has the authority to sign and be bound by this Certification Form; (ii) the Beneficiary’s laws do not prohibit it from being a Trust Beneficiary; (iii) either (a)

the Beneficiary's laws do not prohibit it from receiving or directing payment of funds from the Trust, or (b) if the Beneficiary does not have the authority to receive or direct payment of funds from the Trust, then prior to requesting any funds from the Trust, the Beneficiary shall obtain full legal authority to receive and/or direct payments of such funds within two years of submitting this Certification Form; and (iv) if the Beneficiary does not have the authority to receive or direct payment of funds from the Trust and fails to demonstrate that it has obtained such legal authority within two years of submitting this Certification Form, it shall become an Excluded Entity under the Trust Agreement and its initial allocation shall be redistributed among the Beneficiaries pursuant to subparagraph 5.0.1 of the Trust Agreement.

5. Certification of Legal Compliance and Disposition of Unused Funds

The Beneficiary certifies and agrees that, in connection with all actions related to the Trust and the Trust Agreement, the Beneficiary has followed and will follow all applicable law and will assume full responsibility for its decisions in that regard. The Beneficiary further certifies that all funds received on account of any Eligible Mitigation Action request that are not used for the Eligible Mitigation Action shall be returned to the Trust for credit to the Beneficiary's allocation.

6. Waiver of Claims for Injunctive Relief under Environmental or Common Laws

Upon becoming a Beneficiary, the Beneficiary, on behalf of itself and all of its agencies, departments, offices, and divisions, hereby expressly waives, in favor of the parties (including the Settling Defendants) to the Partial Consent Decree (Dkt. No. 2103-1) and the parties (including the Defendants) to the Second Partial Consent Decree (Dkt. No. 3228-1), all claims for injunctive relief to redress environmental injury caused by the 2.0 Liter Subject Vehicles and the 3.0 Liter Subject Vehicles (jointly, "Subject Vehicles"), whether based on the environmental or common law within its jurisdiction. This waiver is binding on all agencies, departments, offices, and divisions of the Beneficiary asserting, purporting to assert, or capable of asserting such claims. This waiver does not waive, and the Beneficiary expressly reserves, its rights, if any, to seek fines or penalties.

7. Publicly Available Information

The Beneficiary certifies that it will maintain and make publicly available all documentation and records: (i) submitted by it in support of each funding request; and (ii) supporting all expenditures of Trust Funds by the Beneficiary, each until the Termination Date of the Trust pursuant to Paragraph 6.8 of the Trust Agreement, unless the laws of the Beneficiary require a longer record retention period. Together herewith, the Beneficiary attaches an explanation of: (i) the procedures by which the records may be accessed, which shall be designed to support access and limit burden for the general public; (ii) for the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan required under Paragraph 4.1 of the Trust Agreement, the procedures by which public input will be solicited and considered; and (iii) a description of whether and the extent to which the certification in this Paragraph 7 is subject to the Beneficiary's applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information.

**8. Notice of Availability of Mitigation Action Funds**

The Beneficiary certifies that, not later than 30 Days after being deemed a Beneficiary pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Beneficiary will provide a copy of the Trust Agreement with Attachments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and any other Federal agency that has custody, control or management of land within or contiguous to the territorial boundaries of the Beneficiary and has by then notified the Beneficiary of its interest hereunder, explaining that the Beneficiary may request Eligible Mitigation Action funds for use on lands within that Federal agency's custody, control or management (including, but not limited to, Clean Air Act Class I and II areas), and setting forth the procedures by which the Beneficiary will review, consider, and make a written determination upon each such request.

**9. Registration of Subject Vehicles**

The Beneficiary certifies, for the benefit of the Parties (including the Settling Defendants) to the Partial Consent Decree and the Parties to the Second Partial Consent Decree (including the Defendants) and the owners from time-to-time of Subject Vehicles, that upon becoming a Beneficiary, the Beneficiary:

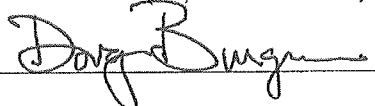
- (a) Shall not deny registration to any Subject Vehicle based solely on:
  - i. The presence of a defeat device or AECD covered by the resolution of claims in the Partial Consent Decree or in the Second Partial Consent Decree; or
  - ii. Emissions resulting from such a defeat device or AECD; or
  - iii. The availability of an Approved Emissions Modification, an Emissions Compliant Recall or the Buyback, Lease Termination, and Owner/Lessee Payment Program.
  
- (b) Shall not deny registration to any Subject Vehicle that has been modified in accordance with an Approved Emissions Modification or an Emissions Compliant Recall based solely on:
  - i. The fact that the vehicle has been modified in accordance with the Approved Emissions Modification or the Emissions Compliant Recall; or
  - ii. Emissions resulting from the modification (including, but not limited to, the anticipated emissions described in Appendix B to the Partial Consent Decree and Appendix B to the Second Partial Consent Decree); or
  - iii. Other emissions-related vehicle characteristics that result from the modification; or

- iv. The availability of an Approved Emissions Modification, an Emissions Compliant Recall or the Buyback, Lease Termination, and Owner/Lessee Payment Program.
- (c) May identify Subject Vehicles as having been modified, or not modified, in accordance with the Approved Emissions Modification or the Emissions Compliant Recall on the basis of VIN-specific information provided to the Beneficiary by the Defendants.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Beneficiary may deny registration to any Subject Vehicle on the basis that the Subject Vehicle fails to meet EPA's or the Beneficiary's failure criteria for the onboard diagnostic ("OBD") inspection; or on other grounds authorized or required under applicable federal regulations (including an approved State Implementation Plan) or under Section 209 or 177 of the Clean Air Act and not explicitly excluded in subparagraphs 9(a)-(b).

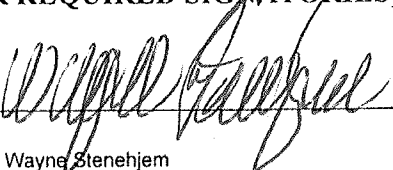
10. Reliance on Certification

The Beneficiary acknowledges that the Trustee is entitled to rely conclusively on, without further duty of inquiry, and shall be protected in relying upon, this Appendix D-3 Certification, or a subsequent communication from the Lead Agency designating new or additional authorized individuals, as setting forth the Lead Agency and the authorized individuals who may direct the Trustee with respect to all of the Beneficiary's rights and duties under the Trust Agreement. The Beneficiary and its delegated Lead Agency, including all authorized individuals, agree to comply with all security procedures, standard payment and signatory authorization protocols, as well as procedures for designating new or additional authorized individuals, as set forth by the Trustee.

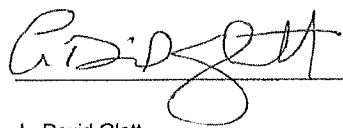
**FOR THE GOVERNOR (or, if not a State, the analogous Chief Executive):**

Signature:   
Name: Doug Burgum  
Title: Governor  
Date: 6-17-2019  
Location: Bismarck, North Dakota

**[FOR OTHER REQUIRED SIGNATORIES]:**

Signature:   
Name: Wayne Stenehjem  
Title: Attorney General  
Date: 6-10-2019  
Location: Bismarck, North Dakota

**[FOR OTHER REQUIRED SIGNATORIES]:**

Signature:   
Name: L. David Glatt  
Title: Director, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
Date: 6-3-19  
Location: Bismarck, North Dakota

**Attachment A to the Revised Certification for Beneficiary Status under  
Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement**

Publicly Available Information

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) as the lead agency designated as the Beneficiary for purposes of participating in the environmental mitigation trust will make information publicly available at the following website:

<https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/planning/VW.aspx>

In addition, the NDDEQ will make available upon the public's request all documentation and records in support of each funding request, and all expenditures of trust funds. The information will be provided in the format requested (i.e. paper, electronic). Requests can be made in person or by submitting a request by phone, fax, email, or mail.

Mitigation Plan Public Input

The NDDEQ utilized public comment periods for the purpose of guiding the development of the state's mitigation plan. It is anticipated that additional public comment periods will be held for the public to provide comments on any future amendments to the mitigation plan.

Confidential Information

Under North Dakota open records laws, records of a public entity are open "for inspection during reasonable office hours," unless otherwise specifically provided by law. N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18(1). So, NDDEQ anticipates that most, if not all, information relating to the expenditure of Trust Funds will be open to the public. There may be rare instances where NDDEQ would need to redact "confidential information" that cannot be released under state law. For example, NDDEQ cannot release trade secret, proprietary, commercial, and financial information "if it is of a privileged nature and it has not been previously disclosed." N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(1).

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

IN RE: VOLKSWAGEN “CLEAN DIESEL”  
MARKGETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Relates to: *United States v.*  
*v. Volkswagen AG, et al.*, No. 16-cv-295  
(N.D. Cal.)

MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF REVISED  
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STATUS UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL  
MITIGATION TRUST AGREEMENT FOR  
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Judge: Hon. Charles R. Breyer

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**NOTICE**

On November 21, 2017, pursuant to Section 4.0 of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries filed on October 2, 2017, in *United States v. Volkswagen AG et al.*, Case No. 16-cv-295, Dkt. No. 51-1, the State of North Dakota filed a Certification for Beneficiary Status under the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement (Appendix D-3), which designated the North Dakota Department of Health as the lead agency. Dkt. No. 4407. The Trust activities were to be administered by the North Dakota Department of Health’s



1 Environmental Health Section. The Trustee provided notice that North Dakota qualified as a  
2 beneficiary on January 29, 2018. Dkt. No. 4700.

3 On April 29, 2019, pursuant to 2017 N.D. Sess. Laws ch. 199, the Environmental Health  
4 Section became a new state agency known as the North Dakota Department of Environmental  
5 Quality. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality has assumed all the duties of  
6 the former Environmental Health Section, including the responsibility for the Trust activities.  
7 Accordingly, the State of North Dakota is filing the attached (Attachment 1) Revised  
8 Certification for Beneficiary Status under Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement  
9 (Appendix D-3) with this Court, designating the North Dakota Department of Environmental  
10 Quality as the new lead agency.

11 Dated: June 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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