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Mr. Scott Giffels  
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Dear Mr. Giffels:

APR, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize American Fuji Seal's Alpha PO shrink film (FVX2-05) and solvent based ink system for shrink sleeve labels on HDPE bottles as meeting or exceeding APR's HDPE-CG-01, *Critical Guidance Protocol for HDPE Colored or Natural Bottles with Resin Additives, Barriers, Labels, Layers or Closures*, most strict requirements and hereby so states. This APR recognition is based on the technical recyclability of the polyolefin shrink sleeve label substrate with HDPE bottles.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed your August 18, 2021 data submission and concluded the data were correctly obtained by a qualified laboratory and were completely presented to show the label substrate submitted meets or exceeds all critical guidance.

The HDPE-CG-01 Critical Guidance protocol is the product of multi-industry consensus of key issues related to the recycling of postconsumer HDPE bottles. The Protocols direct innovators to conduct specific testing per established testing procedures and then provide the innovator with guidance to interpret the results. The APR recognition is based on the innovation meeting or exceeding the most challenging test conditions and strictest guidance criteria.

APR thanks American Fuji Seal for its cooperation in using this important protocol. The protocol is intended to improve the quality of recycled bottles by helping innovators to make informed decisions about the consequences of HDPE packaging innovations. The impact of these protocols is world-wide.

Our recognition applies only to the AFS shrink sleeve film substrate, (FVX2-05), with solvent-based ink printing and not necessarily to the bottle with its selection of resins and adjuvants and the closure. Meeting the Critical Guidance Document guidelines is a truly significant step in demonstrating overall recyclability of your resin product.

Yours truly,

APR President and CEO

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