

ATTACHMENT A
(ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST AGREEMENT
FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES)

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On October 25, 2016, the Court entered a Partial Consent Decree (“First Partial Consent Decree”) in *In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (Dkt. No. 2103-1), among Volkswagen AG, Audi AG, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., and Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations, LLC (collectively, the “Settling Defendants”), the United States, and the State of California. In that case, the Court also entered a Second Partial Consent Decree (Dkt. No. 3228-1) on May 17, 2017, among the Settling Defendants, Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, and Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (collectively, the “Defendants”), the United States, and the State of California. Pursuant to the First Partial Consent Decree and the Second Partial Consent Decree, the Defendants and Wilmington Trust, N.A. (the “Trustee”): (1) hereby enter into this Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries (i.e., for the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia) (hereinafter, the “State Trust Agreement”) and establish the environmental mitigation trust described herein (the “State Mitigation Trust” or “State Trust”); and (2) concurrently enter into a separate Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries (i.e., for federally-recognized Indian Tribes) (hereinafter, the “Indian Tribe Trust Agreement”) and establish the environmental mitigation trust described in that agreement (“Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust” or “Indian Tribe Trust”). The Defendants and the Trustee acknowledge that the purpose of the State Mitigation Trust and the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust is to fulfill the Settling Defendants’ environmental mitigation obligations under the First Partial Consent Decree and the Defendants’ environmental mitigation obligations under the Second Partial Consent Decree. All payments to and expenditures from the State Mitigation Trust and the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust shall be for the sole purpose of fulfilling the Settling Defendants’ environmental mitigation obligations under the First Partial Consent Decree and the Defendants’ environmental mitigation obligations under the Second Partial Consent Decree, and for the costs and expenses of administering each trust as set forth in the State Mitigation Trust and the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust. The State Mitigation Trust and the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust shall be funded with Mitigation Trust Payments according to the terms of the First Partial Consent Decree and the Second Partial Consent Decree (jointly, the “Consent Decree”), and in accordance with the following allocation: (1) 97.99% of the Mitigation Trust Payments from the First Partial Consent Decree shall be allocated to the State Mitigation Trust and 2.01% to the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust; and (2) 97.7% of the Mitigation Trust Payments from the Second Partial Consent Decree shall be allocated to the State Mitigation Trust and 2.3% to the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust.

PURPOSE AND RECITALS

Whereas, the Defendants are required to establish this State Mitigation Trust and to fund it with funds to be used for environmental mitigation projects that reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (“NOx”) where the Subject Vehicles were, are, or will be operated (“Eligible Mitigation Actions”), and to pay for Trust Administration Costs as set forth in this State Trust Agreement;

Whereas, the funding for the Eligible Mitigation Actions provided for in the State Trust Agreement and the Indian Tribe Trust Agreement is intended to fully mitigate the total, lifetime excess NOx emissions from the Subject Vehicles where the Subject Vehicles were, are, or will be operated;

Whereas, the Defendants hereby establish this State Mitigation Trust to provide funds for Eligible Mitigation Actions and Trust Administration Costs;

Whereas, the Trustee has been selected to be the trustee under this State Trust Agreement in accordance with the requirements set forth in the First Partial Consent Decree; and

Whereas, the Trustee is willing to act as trustee in accordance with the terms of this State Trust Agreement;

Now, therefore, the Defendants and the Trustee agree as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS

1.0 Unless otherwise defined in this State Trust Agreement, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Consent Decree.

1.1 “Beneficiary” shall mean each governmental entity among the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and District of Columbia that is determined to be a Beneficiary pursuant to Section IV (State Mitigation Trust Beneficiaries).

1.2 “Business Day” means, with respect to any delivery requirement, deadline, or payment under this State Trust Agreement, each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday that is not a day on which the Trustee in the State of Delaware or, as to a specific Beneficiary, a day on which that Beneficiary under this State Trust is authorized or obligated by law, regulation, or executive order to close.

1.3 “Claims” shall mean any and all losses, liabilities, claims, actions, suits, or expenses, of any nature whatsoever, including legal fees and expenses.

1.4 “Consent Decree” shall mean the First Partial Consent Decree in *In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (Dkt. No. 2103-1), and the Second Partial Consent Decree in that case (Dkt. No. 3228-1).

1.5 “Court” shall mean the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

1.6 “Day” shall mean a calendar day unless expressly stated to be a Business Day. In computing any period of time under this State Trust Agreement, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or Delaware holiday, the period shall run to the close of business of the next Business Day;

1.7 “Delaware Act” shall mean the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, Del. Code Ann. tit.12, §§ 3801-3826.

1.8 “DERA” shall mean the Diesel Emission Reduction Act, Title VII, Subtitle G, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (codified at 42 U.S.C. §§ 16131-16139).

1.9 “Eligible Mitigation Action” shall mean any of the actions listed in Appendix D-2 to this State Trust Agreement.

1.10 “Eligible Mitigation Action Administrative Expenditure” shall mean those administrative expenditures by Beneficiaries specified in Appendix D-2 to this State Trust Agreement, and shall not include Trust Administration Costs.

1.11 “Federal Agency” shall mean any agency of the United States government.

1.12 “First Partial Consent Decree” shall mean the Partial Consent Decree entered by the Court in *In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (Dkt. No. 2103-1), on October 25, 2016.

1.13 “Force Majeure” shall have the same meaning as in Paragraph 54 of the First Partial Consent Decree.

1.14 “Indian Land” shall mean the lands of any Indian Tribe or within Indian country.

1.15 “Indian Tribe” shall mean any Indian or Alaska Native Tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian Tribe as provided in the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. § 5130. Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 5131, the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior published a current list of federally acknowledged Indian Tribes at 82 Fed. Reg. 4,915 (Jan. 17, 2017), which will be updated from time to time.

1.16 “Investment Manager” shall mean Wilmington Trust, N.A., acting solely in its role as the professional investment manager of Trust Assets in accordance with subparagraph 3.2.2 of this State Trust Agreement and the Investment Management Agreement entered into on the Trust Effective Date. In subparagraphs 2.2.4, 3.1.2.8, 3.5.3 (last sentence), 3.5.6, and 3.5.7 of the State Trust Agreement, each reference to the Investment Manager shall include the Investment Manager and its officers, directors, and employees.

1.17 “IRS” shall mean the Internal Revenue Service.

1.18 “Shared State and Indian Tribe Administration Costs” shall mean the costs, fees, and expenses of: (1) establishing and maintaining the Trustee’s public-facing website; and (2) establishing and maintaining a secure method of internet-based communication for the Trustee and Beneficiaries.

1.19 “Start-up Costs” shall mean all fees, costs, and expenses incurred in connection with establishing the State Mitigation Trust and the Indian Tribe Mitigation Trust and setting them up for operation. Start-up costs shall not include the cost of premiums for insurance policies.

1.20 “Subject Vehicles” shall mean: (i) the “2.0 Liter Subject Vehicles,” as defined in the First Partial Consent Decree in *In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (Dkt. No. 2103-1); and (ii) the “3.0 Liter Subject Vehicles,” as defined in the Second Partial Consent Decree in that case (Dkt. No. 3228-1).

1.21 “Tax” or “Taxes” shall mean all federal, state, and local taxes that may be imposed on the Trust by any taxing authority.

1.22 “Tax Professionals” shall mean all accountants and tax lawyers hired to assist the Trustee with the Trust’s reporting obligations, tax filings, audits, and all other tax and accounting-related activities, including efforts to obtain and, if granted, maintain the IRS Private Letter Ruling as described in subparagraphs 2.1.5.1, 2.1.5.2, and 3.1.2.7, and Paragraph 6.7 of this State Trust Agreement.

1.23 “Tax Return” or “Tax Returns” shall mean all required federal, state, and local tax returns and information returns, including any returns associated with compliance with withholding and reporting requirements.

1.24 “Termination Date” shall mean the date that the State Trust terminates pursuant to Paragraph 6.8 of this State Trust Agreement.

1.25 “Trust Administration Costs” shall mean all expenditures of Trust Assets by the Trustee.

1.26 “Trust Effective Date” shall mean the date that the United States files the fully executed final version of the State Trust Agreement with the Court.

1.27 “Trustee” shall mean Wilmington Trust, N.A., acting solely in its role as the Trustee of this State Mitigation Trust as appointed in accordance with Paragraph 3.0, or a successor trustee pursuant to subparagraph 3.7.2. In subparagraphs 2.2.4, 3.1.2.8, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.6, and 3.5.7 of this State Trust Agreement, each reference to the Trustee shall include the Trustee and its officers, directors, and employees.

1.28 “United States” shall mean the United States of America, acting on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”).

II. STATE MITIGATION TRUST

2.0 Establishment of the State Mitigation Trust

2.0.1 Irrevocable Establishment. The Defendants hereby and irrevocably establish this State Mitigation Trust on behalf of the Beneficiaries in the form of a statutory trust under the Delaware Act, which shall bear the name “Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.” In connection with the Trustee’s power hereunder, the Trustee may use this name or a variation thereof. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to execute and

file a Certificate of Trust for the State Mitigation Trust in the form attached hereto as Appendix D-5. The Trustee hereby accepts and agrees to hold the assets owned by the State Mitigation Trust (“Trust Assets”) for the benefit of the Beneficiaries and for the purposes described herein and in the Consent Decree.

2.0.2 Trustee. In accordance with Paragraph 3.0 below, on the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee, not individually but solely in the representative capacity of trustee, shall be appointed as the Trustee in accordance with the Consent Decree to administer the State Mitigation Trust in accordance with this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree.

2.0.3 Trust Purpose. It shall be the purpose of the State Mitigation Trust to timely and efficiently fund Eligible Mitigation Actions to be proposed and administered by the Beneficiaries subject to the requirements of the Consent Decree and this State Trust Agreement, and to provide funds for the administration and operation of this State Trust in accordance with this State Trust Agreement. The goal of each Eligible Mitigation Action shall be to achieve reductions of NOx emissions in the United States.

2.0.4 Creation and Use of State Trust Account. Within 15 Days following the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee shall establish a trust account (“State Trust Account”), and file with the Court a designation and identification of the State Trust Account. The purpose of the State Trust Account shall be to receive deposits from the Defendants (directly or through the Court Registry) pursuant to the First Partial Consent Decree and the Second Partial Consent Decree, to hold them in trust, to receive income and gains from any investment of Trust Assets (collectively, “Trust Funds”), and to make disbursements to fund Eligible Mitigation Actions by Beneficiaries and to pay Trust Administration Costs, all in accordance with the Consent Decree and this State Trust Agreement. Disbursements shall be directed by each Beneficiary pursuant to a Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification (Appendix D-4) delivered to the Trustee in accordance with Paragraph 5.2. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the Consent Decree (“Consent Decree Parties”), the State Trust Account shall be the only account that may be used for these purposes.

2.0.4.1 State Trust Account Divisions. The State Trust Account may be divided into such number of discrete trust subaccounts dedicated for specific purposes as may be deemed necessary in the discretion of the Trustee to comply with the terms of, and to implement, the Consent Decree and this State Trust Agreement.

2.1 Funding of the State Mitigation Trust: The Settling Defendants shall fund the State Mitigation Trust as required by the First Partial Consent Decree, and the Defendants shall fund the State Mitigation Trust as required by the Second Partial Consent Decree. The Trustee shall allocate to the State Mitigation Trust the following amounts: (1) 97.99% of the Mitigation Trust Payments from the First Partial Consent Decree plus any income earned on that amount while deposited with the Court Registry account, and (2) 97.7% of the Mitigation Trust Payments from the Second Partial Consent Decree plus any income earned on that amount while deposited with the Court Registry account.

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2.1.3 Funding of the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount. As soon as practicable after the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee's receipt of the Trust Funds from the Court Registry pursuant to subparagraph 2.0.4, and the funding of the State Mitigation Trust pursuant to Paragraph 2.1, the Trustee shall fund a subaccount to pay for Trust Administration Costs ("Trust Administration Cost Subaccount") by transferring into it from the State Trust Account the funds allocated to the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount in accordance with Appendix D-1 (Initial 2.0 Liter Allocation) and Appendix D-1A (Initial 3.0 Liter Allocation). The Trustee may further subdivide the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount into such number of additional subaccounts as may be deemed necessary in the discretion of the Trustee to comply with the terms of, and implement, the Consent Decree and this State Trust Agreement. No additional Trust Assets may be directed to the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, or to the payment of Trust Administration Costs, other than investment earnings on the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, absent further order of the Court.

2.1.3.1 Allocation of Trust Administration Costs. The funds in the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount shall be internally allocated in accordance with each Beneficiary's allocation rate as set forth in Appendices D-1 and D-1A. The Trustee shall debit those Trust Administration Costs associated with a particular Eligible Mitigation Action request against the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount allocation of the Beneficiary that requested the funds associated with that Eligible Mitigation Action. The Trustee shall debit all other Trust Administration Costs ("Shared Administration Costs") among all Beneficiaries, weighted in accordance with each Beneficiary's Trust Administration Cost Subaccount allocation in place at the time such costs are incurred. Pursuant to Paragraph 3.6, the State Mitigation Trust shall pay 98% of the Trustee's Start-up Costs, and shall pay 98% of the Shared State and Indian Tribe Administration Costs. These costs shall be allocated to each Trust Administration Cost Subaccount consistent with the weighted average allocation rates set forth in Appendix D-1B.

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2.1.5 Tax Payment Subaccount. As soon as practicable after the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee's receipt of the Trust Funds from the Court Registry pursuant to subparagraph 2.0.4, and the funding of the State Mitigation Trust pursuant to Paragraph 2.1, the Trustee shall deduct an amount equal to the estimated taxes owed on earnings of the Trust Funds while on deposit in the Court Registry that have been allocated to the State Mitigation Trust pursuant to Paragraph 2.1. The amount of the deduction shall be based on applicable income tax withholding and reporting requirements, and consistent with Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 468B, and related Treasury Regulations. Such amount shall be deposited into a dedicated, non-interest bearing account ("Tax Payment Subaccount"). In addition, prior to the allocation of any investment income pursuant to subparagraph 3.2.3, the Trustee shall deduct an amount equal to the estimated taxes owed on such earnings and deposit that sum into the Tax Payment Subaccount. The amounts in this Tax Payment Subaccount shall be used for the express purpose of paying all applicable taxes with respect to the State Trust in a manner consistent with Paragraph 6.7. If at any time the funds on deposit in this Tax Payment Subaccount are insufficient to pay all Taxes then due and owing, the Trustee shall seek to resolve any dispute pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures of Paragraph 6.2.

2.1.5.1 Within 30 Days of receipt of a Private Letter Ruling from the IRS determining that all investment income earned on the Trust Assets is excludible from gross income under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 115, the Trustee shall allocate all amounts held in the Tax Payment Subaccount to the Beneficiaries, consistent with the allocation rates included in Appendix D-1B.

2.1.5.2 Upon receipt of a Private Letter Ruling from the IRS, which determines that all or a portion of the investment income earned on the Trust Assets is not excludible from gross income under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 115, the Trustee shall pay any additional taxes owed from the Tax Payment Subaccount. Within 30 Days of receipt of such a letter ruling, the Trustee shall amend its calculation of estimated taxes and deposits to the Tax Payment Subaccount to reflect the proportion of investment income that is determined to be taxable by the IRS.

2.1.5.3 Within 120 Days of each tax-year end, the Trustee shall reconcile the amount of taxes owed and paid from the Tax Payment Subaccount, if any, and return all remaining amounts in the Tax Payment Subaccount to the Beneficiaries, consistent with the allocation rates included in Appendix D-1B. All overpayments of estimated taxes or refunds of taxes paid by, or on behalf of, the Trust shall be allocated to the Beneficiaries consistent with the allocation rates included in Appendix D-1B.

2.1.5.4 Pursuant to the secure internet-based communication established in Paragraph 6.0, the Trustee shall provide the Beneficiaries a copy of all communications from the IRS related to the payment or non-payment of taxes within 15 Days of receipt.

2.2 Trust Limitations

2.2.1 No Consent Decree Party or Beneficiary, nor any of their components, agencies, officers, directors, agents, employees, affiliates, successors, or assigns, shall be deemed to be an owner, operator, trustee, partner, agent, shareholder, officer, or director of the State Mitigation Trust.

2.2.2 All Trust Assets shall be used solely for the purposes provided in the Consent Decree and this State Trust Agreement.

2.2.3 This State Mitigation Trust is irrevocable. The Defendants: (i) shall not retain any ownership or residual interest whatsoever with respect to any Trust Assets, including, but not limited to, the funds transferred by the Defendants to fund the State Trust pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree, (ii) shall not have any liabilities or funding obligations with respect to the State Trust (to the Trustee, the Beneficiaries or otherwise) other than the funding obligations expressly set forth in the Consent Decree, and (iii) shall not have any liability or obligation to pay tax on any income or gains from any investments of Trust Assets. Nor shall the Defendants have any rights or role with respect to the management or operation of the State Trust, or the Trustee's approval of requests for Eligible Mitigation Action funding.

2.2.4 Exculpation. Neither the Trustee and its officers, directors, and employees, the Investment Manager and its officers, directors, and employees, the Tax Professionals nor the State Mitigation Trust shall have any liability whatsoever to any person or party for any liability of the Defendants; provided, however, that the State Mitigation Trust shall be liable to the Beneficiaries for funding of Eligible Mitigation Actions in accordance with the terms of this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree.

III. TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

3.0 Appointment: Pursuant to Paragraph 15.e. of the First Partial Consent Decree, the Court appointed Wilmington Trust, N.A., as Trustee of the Environmental Mitigation Trust. Dkt. No. 3030 at 2. Wilmington Trust, N.A., not individually but in its representative capacity as Trustee, is hereby appointed to serve as the Trustee to administer the State Mitigation Trust in accordance with this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree. The Trustee hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to serve, commencing on the Trust Effective Date, in such capacity to the State Mitigation Trust and for the benefit of the Beneficiaries.

3.0.1 Wilmington Trust, N.A. is acting in two separate and distinct roles under the State Mitigation Trust: (1) as the Trustee of the State Mitigation Trust; and (2) as the Investment Manager of the Trust Assets. These roles are subject to different standards of

care. Wilmington Trust, N.A., acting as Trustee, is subject to the standard of care set forth in subparagraphs 3.1.1 and 3.5.2. In its role as Investment Manager, Wilmington Trust, N.A. is subject to the standard of care set forth in subparagraph 3.2.2.

3.1 Powers of the Trustee

3.1.1 Except as set forth in this State Trust Agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to perform those acts necessary and desirable to accomplish the purposes of the State Mitigation Trust, which shall be exercised in an efficient and expeditious manner in furtherance of and in a manner consistent with the purposes of this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree. Subject to the limitations on liability set forth in subparagraph 3.5.2, the Trustee shall act in accordance with the current professional standards of care and with the diligence, skill, and care expected for the administration of such a Trust. The Trustee shall have only such duties, rights, powers, and privileges expressly set forth in the Consent Decree, this State Trust Agreement, and as otherwise provided by the Delaware Act. No implied duties (including fiduciary duties) shall be read into this State Trust against Wilmington Trust, N.A., acting as the Trustee.

3.1.2 Upon the Trust Effective Date, the powers of the Trustee shall include the following:

- 3.1.2.1 To receive, manage, invest, reinvest, supervise, and protect the Trust Assets as provided in Paragraph 3.2 of this State Trust Agreement or to engage a professional investment manager (“Investment Manager”) to receive, manage, invest, reinvest, supervise, and protect the Trust Assets as provided in Paragraph 3.2 for the benefit of the Beneficiaries. The Trustee appoints Wilmington Trust, N.A. as the Investment Manager for the State Mitigation Trust pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement entered into on the Trust Effective Date to manage the Trust Assets in accordance with Paragraph 3.2;
- 3.1.2.2 To establish and maintain a public-facing website onto which it will post all materials as required hereunder;
- 3.1.2.3 To establish and maintain a secure method of internet-based communications for the use of the Trustee and the Beneficiaries;
- 3.1.2.4 To hold title to property in the name of the Trustee in its capacity as such;
- 3.1.2.5 To incur, and pay from the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, any and all customary and commercially reasonable charges and expenses upon or connected with the administration of this State Mitigation Trust in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, including 98% of Start-up Costs and 98% of Shared State and Indian Tribe Administration Costs;

- 3.1.2.6 To engage and compensate professionals to assist the Trustee in accordance with this State Trust Agreement, including, but not limited to, legal, environmental, investment, accounting, tax, website, and third-party auditing professionals, or internet service providers, or insurance providers. Such third-party auditing professionals may be used by the Trustee to audit and/or review expenditures to verify that they comport with the requirements and limitations on use of Trust Funds, as set forth herein. The Trustee may initiate such an audit and/or review on its own initiative or in response to credible reports or suggestions that such review or audit is appropriate. The Trustee shall have an annual independent audit prepared and posted on the website. In its sole discretion, the United States may waive the requirement of an annual audit starting in year ten or at an earlier time in order to preserve Trust Funds;
- 3.1.2.7 To engage and compensate professionals to assist the Trustee in requesting a Private Letter Ruling from the IRS: (1) that the State Mitigation Trust will be treated as a Qualified Settlement Fund under 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1; (2) that all investment income earned on the Trust Assets will be excludible from gross income under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 115; and (3) on any federal tax matter that the Tax Professionals reasonably believe is necessary to support the rulings in (1) and (2) or otherwise prudent to clarify an uncertain application of federal tax law to the State Mitigation Trust, and to take such actions as may be reasonably necessary to secure such ruling and to ensure that the State Trust continues to comply with such ruling upon the advice of the Tax Professionals;
- 3.1.2.8 To purchase any insurance policies as the Trustee may determine to be prudent to protect the State Mitigation Trust, the Trust Assets, the Trustee and its officers, directors, and employees, Wilmington Trust, N.A., in its role as Investment Manager, and its officers, directors, and employees, and to cover Tax Professionals, if required, from any and all Claims that might be asserted against each;
- 3.1.2.9 To distribute Trust Assets for the purposes contemplated in this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree, including distributions of funds to Beneficiaries for approved Eligible Mitigation Actions;
- 3.1.2.10 To file documents in Court on behalf of itself and the State Trust;
- 3.1.2.11 To make all necessary state and federal filings and to provide information as required by law;
- 3.1.2.12 To vote shares or other investments;

- 3.1.2.13 To open or maintain any additional bank accounts, or close bank accounts or open securities accounts as are necessary or appropriate to manage the Trust Assets;
- 3.1.2.14 To apply, as soon as practicable after the Trust Effective Date, for an employer identification number for the State Trust pursuant to IRS Form SS-4, and in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-2(k)(4), 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-2(k)(4);
- 3.1.2.15 To deduct and withhold from allocation of investment earnings to the Beneficiaries under subparagraph 3.2.3 all Taxes that the Trustee may be required to deduct and withhold under any provision of tax law, and any allocation of investment income under subparagraph 3.2.3 to a State Trust subaccount shall be reduced to the extent such withheld amounts are remitted to the appropriate taxing authority;
- 3.1.2.16 To file on behalf of the State Trust all required Tax Returns, which shall be completed in consultation with Tax Professionals, ensure compliance with withholding and reporting requirements, and pay any and all Taxes, including estimated Taxes, due and owing with respect to the State Trust from amounts in the Tax Payment Subaccount pursuant to subparagraph 2.1.5; and
- 3.1.2.17 Subject to applicable requirements of this State Trust Agreement (including the limitations on liability set forth in subparagraph 3.5.2), the Consent Decree, and other applicable law, to effect all actions and execute and deliver all contracts, instruments, agreements, or other documents that may be necessary to administer the State Mitigation Trust in accordance with this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree, each in accordance with its duties and the current professional standards of care, and with the diligence, skill, and care expected for the administration of such a State Trust for the benefit of the governmental entities identified in Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A.
- 3.1.2.18 Duty to Comply with Law. The Trustee shall not be required to take any action that would violate a law or regulation to which it is subject.
- 3.1.2.19 Relation-Back Election. If applicable, the Trustee and the Defendants shall fully cooperate in filing a relation-back election under Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-1(j)(2), 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1(j)(2), to treat the State Trust as coming into existence as a settlement fund as of the earliest possible date.

3.2 Investment of Trust Assets: The Trustee shall engage the Investment Manager to invest and reinvest the principal and income of the Trust Assets in those investments that are reasonably calculated to preserve the principal value, taking into account the need for the safety and

liquidity of principal as may be required to fund Eligible Mitigation Actions and Trust Administration Costs.

3.2.1 Any investment income that is not reinvested shall be deposited into the State Trust Account for distribution among the Beneficiaries or Supplemental Funding Eligible Beneficiaries, weighted in accordance with the allocation in place at the time of such deposit.

3.2.2 In investing, reinvesting, exchanging, selling, and managing Trust Assets, the Trustee or Investment Manager must perform its duties solely in the interest of the Beneficiaries and with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent investor, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would exercise in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims. The Investment Manager shall comply with all applicable laws and shall be held to a fiduciary standard of care with respect to the investment and reinvestment of the principal and income of Trust Assets; except that the right and power of the Investment Manager to invest and reinvest the Trust Assets shall be limited to: (i) demand and time deposits, such as certificates of deposit, in banks or other savings institutions whose deposits are federally insured; (ii) U.S. Treasury bills, bonds, and notes, including, but not limited to, long-term U.S. Treasury bills, bonds, and notes; (iii) repurchase agreements for U.S. Treasury bills, bonds, and notes; (iv) AA or AAA corporate bonds (with the rating awarded by at least two of the three major rating agencies (Standard & Poor's, Moody's, or Fitch)); or (v) open-ended mutual funds owning only assets described in subparts (i) through (iv) of this subsection; *provided*, however, that the value of bonds of any single company and its affiliates owned by the State Trust directly rather than through a mutual fund shall not exceed \$10 million when purchased, but may be held, despite increase in value, so long as such amount does not exceed \$16 million. Any such investments shall be made consistently with the Uniform Prudent Investor Act. The determination of the rating of any investments made by the Investment Manager shall be made on the date of acquisition of any such investment or on the date of re-investment. The Investment Manager shall reconfirm that all investments of Trust Assets still meet the original rating requirement on a quarterly basis. If the Investment Manager determines that any particular investment no longer meets the rating requirement, the Investment Manager shall substitute that investment with an investment that meets the ratings requirement as promptly as practicable, but in no event later than the next reporting period. Previously purchased securities downgraded below AA may be held for a reasonable and prudent period of time if the Investment Manager believes it is in the interest of the State Trust to do so. The borrowing of funds or securities for the purpose of leveraging, shorting, or other investments is prohibited. Investment in non-U.S. dollar denominated bonds is prohibited. This subparagraph 3.2.2 shall act as a standing default investment instruction for all cash in any account or subaccount that holds any Trust Assets in cash, which shall be invested in The Blackrock Fed Fund (CUSIP 09248U809). Except for actions or omissions of the Investment Manager that are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to be fraudulent, negligent, or willful misconduct, the Investment Manager and its officers, directors, or employees shall have no liability for any and all Claims.

3.2.3 Allocation of Investment Income. Any and all earnings, interest, and other investment income realized on the investment of the Trust Assets shall be allocated to each State Trust subaccount on the basis of the respective subaccount balances at the end of each month. Any and all earnings, interest, and other investment income realized on the investment of the assets held in the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount shall be allocated to each administration subaccount on the basis of the respective administration subaccount balance at the end of each month.

3.2.4 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as authorizing the Trustee to cause the State Mitigation Trust to carry on any business or to divide the gains therefrom. The sole purpose of this Section is to authorize the investment of the Trust Assets or any portion thereof as may be reasonably prudent pending use of the proceeds for the purposes of the State Mitigation Trust.

3.3 Accounting: The Trustee shall maintain the books and records relating to the Trust Assets and income and the payment of expenses of and liabilities against the State Mitigation Trust. The detail of these books and records and the duration the Trustee shall keep such books and records shall be such as to allow the Trustee to make a full and accurate accounting of all Trust Assets, as well as to comply with applicable provisions of law and standard accounting practices, including Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”). The United States, by and through EPA, and each Beneficiary, shall have the right upon 14 Days’ prior written notice to inspect such books and records, as well as all supporting documentation. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Trustee shall not be required to file any accounting or seek approval of the Court with respect to the administration of the State Mitigation Trust, or as a condition for making any payment or distribution out of the Trust Assets.

3.3.1 Semi-Annual Reporting. Within 180 Days of the Trust Effective Date in the first year, and thereafter by February 15 (for the preceding six-month period of July 1 to December 31) and August 15 (for the preceding six-month period of January 1 to June 30) of each year, and then at least 30 Days prior to the filing of a motion to terminate pursuant to Paragraph 6.8 hereof (each a “Financial Reporting Date”), the Trustee shall file with the Court and provide each Beneficiary and the Defendants with:

3.3.1.1 A statement: (i) confirming the value of the Trust Assets; (ii) itemizing the investments then held by the State Trust (including applicable ratings on such investments); and (iii) including a cumulative and calendar year accounting of the amount the Trustee has paid out from the State Trust Account and all subaccounts to any recipient;

3.3.1.2 For each Beneficiary, cumulative and calendar year accounting, as of the Financial Reporting Date, of: (i) such Beneficiary’s initial allocation of Trust Assets; (ii) any allocation adjustments pursuant to this State Trust Agreement; (iii) line item descriptions of completed disbursements on account of approved Eligible Mitigation Action; and (iv) such Beneficiary’s remaining and projected allocation. Such accounting shall also include, for each Beneficiary, a balance statement and projected annual budget of

disbursements taking into account those Eligible Mitigation Actions that have been approved as of the Financial Reporting Date;

3.3.1.3 For the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, cumulative and calendar year accounting, as of the Financial Reporting Date, of: (i) line item disbursements of Total Administration Costs; (ii) balance statements; (iii) 3-year projected annual budgets of disbursements on account of Trust Administration Costs; and (iv) line by line accounting of Trust Administration Costs recorded against each Beneficiary's allocation pursuant to subparagraph 2.1.3.1;

3.3.1.4 For the State Trust Account and all subaccounts, including, but not limited to, the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, balance statements and 3-year projected annual budgets that itemize all assets, income, earnings, expenditures, allocations, and disbursements of Trust Assets by State Trust Account and by each subaccount;

3.3.1.5 Third-party audited financial reports disclosing and certifying the disposition of all Trust Assets from the Trust Effective Date through the calendar quarter immediately preceding the Financial Reporting Date, specifically including reconciliations of the Trustee's prior budget projections for Trust Administration Costs to actual performance;

3.3.1.6 A description of any previously unreported action taken by the State Trust in performance of its duties which, as determined by the Trustee, counsel, accountants, or other professionals retained by the Trustee, affects the State Trust in a materially adverse way;

3.3.1.7 A brief description of all actions taken in accordance with this State Trust Agreement and the Consent Decree during the previous year; and

3.3.1.8 On each Financial Reporting Date, the Trustee shall simultaneously publish on the State Trust's public-facing website all information required to be provided under Paragraph 3.3.

3.3.2 After the Termination Date, the Trustee intends to destroy all records retained pursuant to this State Trust Agreement. The Trustee shall notify the United States and the Defendants at least 90 Days prior to the destruction of the records. Upon request by the United States or the Defendants, the Trustee shall deliver any such records to EPA or the Defendants, respectively.

3.4 Limitation of the Trustee's Authority: The Trustee is not authorized to engage in any trade or business with respect to the Trust Assets or proceeds therefrom. This provision does not prevent Wilmington Trust, N.A. from acting as the Investment Manager.

3.5 Conditions of Trustee's Obligations: The Trustee accepts appointment as the Trustee subject to the following express terms and conditions:

3.5.1 No Bond. Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, the Trustee, including any successor Trustee, shall be exempt from giving any bond or other security in any jurisdiction.

3.5.2 Limitation of Liability and Standard of Care for the Trustee. In no event shall the Trustee be held personally liable for any and all Claims asserted against the Trustee and/or State Mitigation Trust except for actions or omissions of the Trustee that are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to be fraudulent, negligent, or willful misconduct by the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be held personally liable for carrying out the express terms of this State Mitigation Trust or carrying out any directions from the Beneficiaries or the United States issued in accordance with this State Trust Agreement or in accordance with any Court Order entered in connection with or arising out of the State Mitigation Trust. The Trustee shall not be held personally liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising from causes beyond the control of the Trustee ("Force Majeure"). The Trustee may consult with legal counsel, accounting and financial professionals, environmental professionals, and other professionals, and shall not be personally liable for any action taken or omission made by it in accordance with advice given by such professionals, except in the case of a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court determining fraud, negligence, or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee in following such advice. The Trustee shall not be held liable for the negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct of any professional hired by it hereunder provided that the Trustee appointed and engaged the professional with due care. In the absence of willful misconduct, negligence, or fraud by the Trustee, as determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court, the Trustee shall not be personally liable to persons seeking payment from or asserting any and all Claims against the State Mitigation Trust or the Trustee. The Trustee, which is a trustee of this State Trust that has been established under the Delaware Act, shall only be held to the standards of care set forth in this subparagraph 3.5.2; the standards of common law trust laws or the personal trust laws of any state shall not apply in any circumstances hereunder.

3.5.2.1 Limitation of Liability for Tax Professionals. In no event shall the Tax Professionals engaged by the Trustee to assist it with the administration of the State Mitigation Trust be held personally liable for any and all Claims asserted against them except for actions or omissions of the Tax Professionals that are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to be fraudulent, negligent, or willful misconduct by the Tax Professionals.

3.5.3 Indemnification. Except for actions or omissions of the Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals that are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to be fraudulent, negligent, or willful misconduct, in each separate case, by the Trustee, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals, each of the Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals hired hereunder are entitled to indemnification from the Trust Assets, solely as provided in this subparagraph 3.5.3, to hold

them harmless against any and all Claims brought against any of them arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of their duties under this State Mitigation Trust, including any and all Claims in connection with enforcing their rights hereunder and defending themselves against any and all Claims. In asserting any indemnification claim against Trust Assets pursuant to this subparagraph 3.5.3, the Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals shall first seek to recover the amount by asserting a claim against the Trustee's insurance policies purchased pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.8 to protect the Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals hired hereunder against any and all Claims. With respect to any and all amounts that: (1) are not fully and timely paid to the Trustee, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals pursuant to the insurance policies purchased pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.8, and (2) are not determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to be fraudulent, negligent, or willful misconduct, in each separate case, by the Trustee or the Investment Manager or the Tax Professionals, each of the Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals hired hereunder are entitled to indemnification solely from the portion of Trust Assets in (1) the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount established pursuant to subparagraph 2.1.3; and (2) the investment earnings on the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount. Any indemnification amounts shall constitute Shared Administration Costs under subparagraph 2.1.3.1. Indemnification under this subparagraph 3.5.3 covers only the amounts not fully and timely paid or covered by insurance policies purchased pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.8. The Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals shall reimburse the State Mitigation Trust for any amount advanced to them or paid from the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount for any Claim if any proceeds are paid on such Claim from insurance policies purchased pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.8. If insurance payments are denied in whole or part, the Trustee shall confer with legal counsel and consider whether to affirmatively pursue such insurance payments including, without limitation, an insurance coverage suit arising out of a wrongful denial of coverage. For the avoidance of doubt, subparagraphs 3.5.2, 3.5.2.1, and 3.5.3 do not create for the State Mitigation Trust, the Trustee, the Investment Manager, and the Tax Professionals hired hereunder any express or implied right to indemnification from any Consent Decree Party for any and all Claims asserted against the Trustee, the State Mitigation Trust, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals, and no Consent Decree Party shall be liable for any and all Claims asserted against the Trustee, the State Mitigation Trust, the Investment Manager, or Tax Professionals.

3.5.4 Reliance on Documentation. The Trustee may rely on, and shall be protected in acting upon, any notice, requisition, request, consent, certificate, order, affidavit, letter, or other paper or document reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by the proper person or persons. The Trustee may rely upon, with no further duty of inquiry, and shall be protected in acting upon, the certifications made by and delivered to it by the Beneficiaries, including the Certification for Beneficiary Status under Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement (Appendix D-3) and each Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification form (Appendix D-4). The Trustee shall have no duty to monitor or supervise the use of Trust Funds paid in accordance with Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification and Funding Direction forms or any Beneficiary's compliance with an Eligible Mitigation Action.

3.5.5 Right to Demand Documentation. Notwithstanding anything else in this State Trust Agreement, in the administration of the Trust Assets, the Trustee shall have the right, but shall not be required, to demand from the relevant Beneficiary before the disbursement of any cash or in respect of any action whatsoever within the purview of this State Mitigation Trust, any showings, certificates, opinions, appraisals, or other information, or action or evidence thereof, in addition to that required by the terms hereof that the Trustee reasonably believes to be necessary or desirable.

3.5.6 Limitation on Consequential Damages. Unless the Trustee, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to have engaged in fraudulent or willful misconduct, the United States or any Beneficiary of the State Mitigation Trust shall not have any right to recover, and the State Mitigation Trust, the Trustee, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals shall not be liable for, any special, indirect, punitive, or consequential loss or damages, of any kind whatsoever, against the State Mitigation Trust, the Trustee, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals. When the Trustee, the Investment Manager, or the Tax Professionals are determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of the Court to have been negligent, any and all Claims by the United States or any Beneficiary of the State Mitigation Trust shall be limited to direct damages.

3.5.7 No Consequential Damages. In no event shall the Trustee, the Investment Manager, the Tax Professionals, or the State Mitigation Trust be held responsible or liable for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential loss or damages of any kind whatsoever in connection with any and all Claims brought against them by any third party.

3.6 Payment of Trust Administration Costs: Subject to the limits set forth in Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A, the State Mitigation Trust shall pay from the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount its own reasonable and necessary costs and expenses, and shall reimburse the Trustee for the actual reasonable out-of-pocket fees, costs, and expenses to the extent incurred by the Trustee in connection with the administration of the State Trust, including payment of professionals hired in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the State Trust, payment of insurance premiums for policies purchased pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.8, payment of a deductible incurred under an insurance policy for the State Trust, Trustee, Investment Manager, or Tax Professionals hired hereunder purchased pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.8 in cases in which the State Trust, Trustee, Investment Manager, or Tax Professionals would be entitled to indemnification under subparagraph 3.5.3, and any indemnification amounts as provided in accordance with subparagraph 3.5.3. The Trustee also shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered on behalf of the State Mitigation Trust, in accordance with the projected annual budgets for administration of the State Mitigation Trust required under subparagraph 3.3.1 hereof, and shall be entitled to pay itself from the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount its initial fee and its annual administration fee as set forth in its fee letter dated as of the Trust Effective Date (“Trustee Fee Letter”). The Trustee shall provide a copy of the Trustee Fee Letter to each Beneficiary via the secure internet site established by the Trustee pursuant to subparagraph 3.1.2.3. The State Mitigation Trust shall pay from the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount 98% of Start-up Costs and 98% of Shared State and Indian Tribe Administration Costs, which shall be allocated

to each Trust Administration Cost Subaccount consistent with the weighted average allocation rates set forth in Appendix D-1B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total amount of allowable Trust Administration Costs shall not exceed the specific allocation established for the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount in Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A, plus any and all earnings, interest, and other investment income realized on the investment of the assets held in the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount. The Trustee shall not use the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount to pay: (1) the fees and expenses of the Investment Manager; or (2) any and all Taxes due and owing with respect to the State Trust. In accordance with the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager's fees and expenses shall be deducted directly from the investment earnings on the Trust Assets, and not from the corpus of the Trust Assets. All Taxes shall be paid from amounts on deposit in the Tax Payment Subaccount established in subparagraph 2.1.5. The Trustee shall include in its semi-annual reporting, and post on its public-facing website, all Trust Administration Costs (including the costs and descriptions of the Trustee's services rendered on behalf of the State Trust) at least 15 Days prior to the payment of any such expense; provided, however, that the requirement to post all Trust Administrative Costs at least 15 Days prior to payment shall first take effect when the website is established and ready for use, and shall not initially apply to Start-up Costs and to Shared State and Indian Tribe Administration Costs. After the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount is funded pursuant to subparagraph 2.1.3, the Trustee, after receipt of invoices from any third party service providers, shall pay as promptly as practical any and all fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the Trustee to establish the State Mitigation Trust including, but not limited to: (1) the invoices of third party service providers (e.g., legal, accounting, website developer, and hosting provider); (2) fees, costs, and expenses necessary to commence the operations of the State Trust (e.g., Intralinks, Pacer, and insurance premiums); and (3) the Trustee's acceptance fee and first quarter portion of the Trustee's annual fee for the first year. All Trust Administration Costs that are paid prior to the establishment of the website shall be posted on the website as promptly as practicable after the website is established. Such information shall remain available on the website until the Termination Date.

3.7 Termination, Resignation, and Removal of the Trustee

3.7.1 Termination of Trustee. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the Trustee to the State Mitigation Trust and the Beneficiaries will terminate on the Termination Date.

3.7.2 Resignation of Trustee and Successor Trustee. The Trustee may commence the resignation process at any time by providing 90 Days' notice to the United States, the Defendants, and the Beneficiaries. Resignation of the Trustee shall only be effective upon: (i) selection of a successor pursuant to the procedures set forth in the First Partial Consent Decree; and (ii) order of the Court. The successor trustee shall have the same powers and duties as those conferred upon the Trustee hereunder. Upon the appointment of a successor trustee or as otherwise ordered by the Court, the Trustee shall transfer all State Trust records to the successor trustee, and shall take all actions necessary to assign, transfer, and pay over to the successor trustee control of all Trust Assets (including the public website maintained by the Trustee). In the event that the Trustee ceases to exist or ceases to operate its corporate trust business, the Court may, upon motion by the United States or any Beneficiary, appoint an interim Trustee until such time as a successor trustee is appointed in

accordance with the procedures set forth in the First Partial Consent Decree. Any successor Trustee appointed hereunder shall file an amendment to the Certificate of Trust as required by the Delaware Act.

IV. STATE MITIGATION TRUST BENEFICIARIES

4.0 Determination of Beneficiary Status: The States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia may elect to become a Beneficiary hereunder by filing with the Court a Certification for Beneficiary Status under Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement (Appendix D-3), containing each of the certifications required by subparagraphs 4.2.1 through 4.2.9, not later than 60 Days after the Trust Effective Date. At the time of filing the Certification Form with the Court, the States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia shall also provide a copy of the Certification Form to the Trustee in electronic format and by mail pursuant to Paragraph 6.0 and subparagraph 6.0.1. Each governmental entity that timely files such certifications shall be a “Certifying Entity.” Each governmental entity that fails to timely file such certifications shall be an “Excluded Entity,” and shall be permanently enjoined from asserting any rights with respect to Trust Assets or any other matter relating to the implementation of this Trust. The Trustee shall be responsible for ensuring that the form of each certification complies with the requirements hereof prior to deeming any Certifying Entity to be a Beneficiary hereunder.

4.0.1 Notice of Objection. If the United States determines that a certification filed by any Certifying Entity fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, the United States may file with the Court a notice of objection within 30 Days after a Certifying Entity files its certifications with the Court. Such notice shall explain the basis of objection with specificity. Any such objections shall be resolved according to the procedures set forth in Paragraph 6.2.

4.0.2 Notice of Beneficiary Designation. Not later than 120 Days after the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee shall file with the Court, publish on its public-facing website, and serve on each Consent Decree Party and Certifying Entity lists indicating:

4.0.2.1 Which Certifying Entities filed certifications as to which no notice of objection has been filed. Upon the filing of this Notice of Beneficiary Designation, each such Certifying Entity shall be deemed a “Beneficiary” hereunder;

4.0.2.2 Which governmental entity did not timely file the certifications pursuant to Paragraph 4.0. Each such governmental entity shall be deemed an “Excluded Entity” hereunder; and

4.0.2.3 Which Certifying Entities timely filed certifications as to which a notice of objection has been filed pursuant to subparagraph 4.0.1, together with an explanation of the status of any such objection. Each such Certifying Entity shall be a “Pending Beneficiary.” Upon final resolution of each objection, the Pending Beneficiary shall either be deemed a Beneficiary or an Excluded Entity hereunder.

4.1 Beneficiary Mitigation Plan: After being deemed a Beneficiary pursuant to subparagraph 4.0.2.1 hereof, each Beneficiary, not later than 30 Days prior to submitting its first funding request pursuant to Paragraph 5.2, shall submit and make publicly available a “Beneficiary Mitigation Plan” that summarizes how the Beneficiary plans to use the mitigation funds allocated to it under this Trust, addressing: (i) the Beneficiary’s overall goal for the use of the funds; (ii) the categories of Eligible Mitigation Actions the Beneficiary anticipates will be appropriate to achieve the stated goals and the preliminary assessment of the percentages of funds anticipated to be used for each type of Eligible Mitigation Action; (iii) a description of how the Beneficiary will consider the potential beneficial impact of the selected Eligible Mitigation Actions on air quality in areas that bear a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden within its jurisdiction; and (iv) a general description of the expected ranges of emission benefits the Beneficiary estimates would be realized by implementation of the Eligible Mitigation Actions identified in the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. The Beneficiary Mitigation Plan need only provide the level of detail reasonably ascertainable at the time of submission. This Plan is intended to provide the public with insight into a Beneficiary’s high-level vision for use of the mitigation funds and information about the specific uses for which funding is expected to be requested. Nothing in this provision is intended to make the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan binding on any Beneficiary, nor does it create any rights in any person to claim an entitlement of any kind. Beneficiaries may adjust their goals and specific spending plans at their discretion and, if they do so, shall provide the Trustee with updates to their Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. The Trustee has no duty to monitor or supervise any Beneficiary’s compliance with its Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. To the extent a Beneficiary intends to avail itself of the DERA Option described in Appendix D-2, that Beneficiary may use its Final Approved DERA Workplan as its Beneficiary Mitigation Plan as to those Eligible Mitigation Actions funded through the DERA Option. The Beneficiary Mitigation Plan shall explain the process by which the Beneficiary shall seek and consider public input on its Beneficiary Mitigation Plan.

4.2 Required Certifications in Appendix D-3

4.2.1 Identification of Lead Agency and Submission to Jurisdiction. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must include a designation of lead agency, certified by the Office of the Governor (or if not a state, the analogous chief executive) of the State, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia on whose behalf the Certification Form is submitted, indicating which agency, department, office, or division will have the delegated authority to act on behalf of and legally bind such governmental entity. The Certification Form shall also include confirmation by the Certifying Entity that: (i) it has the authority to sign the Certification Form; and (ii) it agrees, without limitation, to be bound by the terms of this State Trust Agreement, including the allocations of Trust Assets provided hereunder, and to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court for all matters concerning the interpretation or performance of, or any disputes arising under, this State Trust Agreement. The Certifying Entity’s agreement to federal jurisdiction for this purpose shall not be construed as consent to federal court jurisdiction for any other purpose.

4.2.2 Consent to Trustee Authority. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must include an agreement by the Certifying Entity that the Trustee has the authorities specified in this State 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 hereunder; and (ii) to implement this State Trust Agreement in accordance with its terms.

4.2.3 Certification of Legal Authority. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must certify that: (i) the laws of the Certifying Entity do not prohibit it from being a Beneficiary hereunder; (ii) prior to requesting any funds hereunder, the Certifying Entity shall obtain full legal authority to receive and/or direct payments of such funds; and (iii) if the Certifying Entity fails to demonstrate that it has obtained such legal authority within two years of submitting its Certification Form, it shall become an Excluded Entity hereunder and its initial allocation shall be redistributed among the Beneficiaries pursuant to subparagraph 5.0.1.

4.2.4 Certification of Legal Compliance. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must include a certification and agreement that, in connection with all actions related to this State Trust, the Certifying Entity has followed and will follow all applicable law and that such Certifying Entity will assume full responsibility for its decisions in that regard.

4.2.5 Certification of Eligible Mitigation Action Accounts. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) shall include a certification by the Certifying Entity 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 Trustee for credit to the allocation of such Certifying Entity.

4.2.6 Waiver of Claims for Injunctive Relief under Environmental or Common Laws. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) shall include an express waiver by the Certifying Entity, on behalf of itself and all of its agencies, departments, offices, and divisions, in favor of the parties to the Consent Decree (including the Defendants) of all claims for injunctive relief to redress environmental injury caused by the Subject Vehicles, whether based on the environmental or common law within its jurisdiction. Such waiver shall be binding on all agencies, departments, offices, and divisions of such Beneficiary asserting, purporting to assert, or capable of asserting such claims. The waiver need not waive, and the Certifying Entities may expressly reserve, their rights, if any, to seek fines or penalties. California's entry in the Consent Decree shall satisfy its certification obligations under this subparagraph.

4.2.7 Publicly Available Information. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must include a certification by the Certifying Entity 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 Certifying Entity, each until the Termination Date, unless the laws of the Certifying Entity require a longer record retention period. This certification shall include an explanation of the procedures by which the records may be accessed, which procedures shall be designed to support access and limit the burden for the general public, and for the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan required under Paragraph 4.1, the procedures by which public input will be solicited and considered. This certification can be made subject to applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information.

4.2.8 Notice of Availability of Mitigation Action Funds. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must certify that, not later than 30 Days after being deemed a Beneficiary pursuant to subparagraph 4.0.2.1 hereof, the Certifying Entity will provide a copy of this State 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 Certifying Entity and has by then notified the Certifying Entity of its interest hereunder, explaining that the Certifying Entity 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 Certifying Entity will review, consider, and make a written determination upon each such request. For the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beneficiaries may provide notice as required by this subparagraph to the following:

Department of the Interior:

National Park Service, Air Resources Division
VW Settlement
P.O. Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225-0287
Or via email to: vwsettlement@nps.gov.

Tim Allen or other designated representative
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuge System
Branch of Air Quality
Re: VW Settlement
7333 W. Jefferson Ave., Suite 375
Lakewood, CO 80235-2017
Or via email to: VW_Settlement@fws.gov

Department of Agriculture:

Linda Geiser or other designated representative
National Air Program Manager
lgeiser@fs.fed.us
(202) 756-0068

Bret Anderson or other designated representative
National Air Modeling Coordinator
baanderson02@fs.fed.us
(970) 295-5981

4.2.9 Registration of Subject Vehicles. Each Certification Form (Appendix D-3) must state, for the benefit of the parties to the Consent Decree (including the Defendants) and the owners from time-to-time of Subject Vehicles, that the Certifying Entity:

- (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 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 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 First 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 Certifying Entity by the Defendants.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Certifying Entity may deny registration to any Subject Vehicle on the basis that the Subject Vehicle fails to meet EPA's or the Certifying Entity'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, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7543, 7507, and not explicitly excluded in subparagraphs 4.2.9(a)-(b).

V. DISTRIBUTION OF STATE MITIGATION TRUST ASSETS

5.0 Initial Allocation: Each State, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia shall have the right under this State Trust Agreement, upon becoming a Beneficiary pursuant to Section IV (State Mitigation Trust Beneficiaries), to request its share of Eligible Mitigation Action funds in

accordance with the weighted average allocation rates set forth in Appendix D-1B (“Initial Allocation Rates”).

5.0.1 Together with the Notice of Beneficiary Designation required to be filed pursuant to subparagraph 4.0.2, the Trustee shall also file with the Court and serve upon each Consent Decree Party, Beneficiary, and Pending Beneficiary, a corresponding recalculation of the Initial Allocation Rates to reallocate each Excluded Entity’s share among the Beneficiaries and Pending Beneficiaries of this State Mitigation Trust, in accordance with the weighted average allocation rates set forth in Appendix D-1B, but excluding the Excluded Entities, the Tribal Trust Allocation, and the Tribal Administration Cost Subaccount (“Final Allocation Rates”). If any Pending Beneficiary is deemed an Excluded Entity hereunder, its share shall be reallocated among the Beneficiaries and remaining Pending Beneficiaries, weighted in accordance with the Final Allocation Rates. The Trustee shall file with the Court and serve upon each Consent Decree Party, Beneficiary, and Pending Beneficiary a notice of reallocation in the event that the Final Allocation Rates are adjusted in accordance with this State Trust Agreement.

5.0.2 Upon being deemed a Beneficiary pursuant to subparagraph 4.0.2.1 hereof, each Beneficiary shall have the right under this State Trust Agreement to request Eligible Mitigation Action funds up to the total dollar amount allocated to it. Provided, however, that no Beneficiary may request payout of more than: (i) one-third of its allocation during the first year after the Settling Defendants make the Initial Deposit, or (ii) two-thirds of its allocation during the first two years after the Settling Defendants make the Initial Deposit.

5.0.3 Allocation of Appendix A Mitigation Trust Payments. Ninety-Seven and Ninety-Seven/One Hundredths (97.97) percent of any “National Mitigation Trust Payment” made pursuant to Section VI (Recall Rate) of Appendix A (Buyback, Lease Termination, and Vehicle Modification Recall Program) of the First Partial Consent Decree or Section X (Recall Rate) of Appendix A (Buyback, Lease Termination, Vehicle Modification, and Emissions Compliant Recall Program) of the Second Partial Consent Decree shall be allocated among all Beneficiaries (other than California) of this State Mitigation Trust and the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, in accordance with the weighted average allocation percentages in Appendix D-1C. Any “California Mitigation Trust Payment” made pursuant to Appendix A of the First Partial Consent Decree or the Second Partial Consent Decree shall be allocated as follows: 99.86% to California and 0.14% to the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount.

5.0.4 Allocation of Appendix B Mitigation Trust Payments. Ninety-Seven and Ninety-Seven/One Hundredths (97.97) percent of any Mitigation Trust Payments made pursuant to Appendix B (Vehicle Recall and Emissions Modification Program) of the First Partial Consent Decree or Appendix B (Vehicle Recall and Emissions Modification Program for 3.0 Liter Subject Vehicles) of the Second Partial Consent Decree or any Consent Decree provisions related thereto shall be allocated among all Beneficiaries of this State Mitigation Trust and to the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount, weighted in accordance with the Final Allocation Rates.

5.0.5 Intentionally Reserved:

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5.0.5.3 Nothing herein precludes any Beneficiary from using any share of its allocation for Eligible Mitigation Projects on Indian Land.

5.1 Eligible Mitigation Actions and Expenditures: The Trustee may only disburse funds for Eligible Mitigation Actions, and for the Eligible Mitigation Action Administrative Expenditures specified in Appendix D-2.

5.2 Funding Requests: Beneficiaries may submit requests for Eligible Mitigation Action funding at any time by filing with the Trustee a Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification form (Appendix D-4), containing each of the certifications required by subparagraphs 5.2.1 through 5.2.13, as applicable. Each request for Eligible Mitigation Action funding must be submitted to the Trustee in electronic and hard-copy format, and include:

5.2.1 An explanation of how the funding request fits into the Beneficiary's Mitigation Plan;

5.2.2 A detailed description of the proposed Eligible Mitigation Action, including its community and air quality benefits;

5.2.3 An estimate of the NO_x reductions anticipated as a result of the proposed Eligible Mitigation Action;

5.2.4 A project management plan for the proposed Eligible Mitigation Action, including a detailed budget and an implementation and expenditure timeline;

5.2.5 A certification that all vendors were or will be selected in accordance with state public contracting laws;

5.2.6 For each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000, detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors;

5.2.7 A detailed description of how the Beneficiary will oversee the proposed Eligible Mitigation Action, including, but not limited to:

5.2.7.1 Identification of the specific governmental entity responsible for reviewing and auditing expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action funds to ensure compliance with applicable law; and

5.2.7.2 A commitment by the Beneficiary to maintain and make publicly available all documentation submitted in support of the funding request and all records supporting all expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action funds, subject to applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information, together with an explanation of the procedures by which the Beneficiary shall make such documentation publicly available;

5.2.8 A description of any cost share requirement to be placed upon the owner of each NOx source proposed to be mitigated;

5.2.9 A description of how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8;

5.2.10 If applicable, a description of how the Eligible Mitigation Action mitigates the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions; and

5.2.11 A detailed plan for reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action implementation.

5.2.12 DERA Option. To the extent a Beneficiary intends to avail itself of the DERA Option described in Appendix D-2, that Beneficiary may use its DERA proposal as support for its funding request for those Eligible Mitigation Actions funded through the DERA Option.

5.2.13 Joint Application. Two or more Beneficiaries may submit a joint request for Eligible Mitigation Action funds. Joint applicants shall specify the amount of requested funding that shall be debited against each requesting Beneficiary's allocation.

5.2.14 Publication of Funding Requests. The Trustee shall post each funding request on the State Trust's public-facing website upon receipt.

5.2.15 Reliance on Form. The Trustee may rely on, with no further duty of inquiry, and shall be protected in acting upon, any Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action

Certification form (Appendix D-4) reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by the proper person or persons.

5.2.16 Approval of Funding Requests. The Trustee shall approve any funding request that meets the requirements of this State Trust Agreement and its Appendices. If a Beneficiary submits multiple pending Eligible Mitigation Action funding requests that exceed the allocated funds available to the Beneficiary, the Trustee shall contact the Beneficiary for direction regarding the allocation and timing of payments for each such request. Within 60 Days after receipt of each Eligible Mitigation Action funding request, the Trustee shall transmit to the requesting Beneficiary and post on the State Trust's public-facing website a written determination either: (i) approving the request; (ii) denying the request; (iii) requesting modifications to the request; or (iv) requesting further information. A Beneficiary may use such written determination as proof of funding for any DERA project application that includes Trust Funds as a non-federal voluntary match, as described in Appendix D-2. The Trustee shall respond to any modified or supplemental submission within 30 Days of receipt. Each written determination approving or denying an Eligible Mitigation Action funding request shall include an explanation of the reasons underlying the determination, including whether the proposed Eligible Mitigation Action meets the requirements set forth in Appendix D-2 or Appendix D-4. The Trustee's decision to approve, deny, request modifications, or request further information related to a request shall be reviewable, upon petition of the United States or the submitting Beneficiary, by the Court.

5.2.16.1 Disbursement of Funds. The Trustee shall begin disbursing funds within 15 Days of approval of an Eligible Mitigation Action funding request according to the written instructions and schedule provided by the Beneficiary, unless such date is not a Business Day and then the payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day.

5.2.17 Unused Eligible Mitigation Action Funds. Upon the termination or completion of any Eligible Mitigation Action, any unused Eligible Mitigation Action funds shall be returned to the State Trust and added back to the Beneficiary's allocation.

5.3 Beneficiary Reporting Obligations: For each Eligible Mitigation Action, no later than six months after receiving its first disbursement of Trust Assets, and thereafter no later than January 30 (for the preceding six-month period of July 1 to December 31) and July 30 (for the preceding six-month period of January 1 to June 30) of each year, each Beneficiary shall submit to the Trustee a semiannual report describing the progress implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action during the six-month period leading up to the reporting date (including a summary of all costs expended on the Eligible Mitigation Action through the reporting date). Such reports shall include a complete description of the status (including actual or projected termination date), development, implementation, and any modification of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action. Beneficiaries may group multiple Eligible Mitigation Actions and multiple sub-beneficiaries into a single report. These reports shall be signed by an official with the authority to submit the report for the Beneficiary and must contain an attestation that the information is true and correct and that the submission is made under penalty of perjury. To the extent a Beneficiary avails itself of the DERA

Option described in Appendix D-2, that Beneficiary may submit its DERA Quarterly Programmatic Reports in satisfaction of its obligations under this Paragraph as to those Eligible Mitigation Actions funded through the DERA Option. The Trustee shall post each semiannual report on the State Trust's public-facing website upon receipt.

5.4 Supplemental Funding for Eligible Beneficiaries and Final Disposition of Trust Assets

5.4.1 Estimate of Remainder Balance. On the tenth anniversary of the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee shall file with the Court, deliver to the United States, by and through EPA, and to each Beneficiary, and publish on its public-facing website, an accounting of all Trust Assets that have not by that date been expended on or obligated to approved Eligible Mitigation Actions or prior Trust Administration Costs, together with an estimate of funding reasonably needed to cover the remaining Trust Administration Costs. The difference between these two amounts shall be referred to as the "Remainder Balance."

5.4.2 Application for Supplemental Funding Eligible Beneficiary Status. On the tenth anniversary of the Trust Effective Date, each Beneficiary may seek to supplement its remaining allocation by filing with the Court and delivering to the Trustee a written report demonstrating that it has by that date obligated at least eighty percent (80%) of the funds allocated to it pursuant to the Final Allocation Rates calculated pursuant to subparagraph 5.0.1 (as determined with specific reference to the reports submitted pursuant to Paragraph 5.3).

5.4.3 Publication of Remainder Balance and Supplemental Funding Eligible Beneficiary Status. Within 90 Days after the tenth anniversary of the Trust Effective Date, the Trustee shall file with the Court, notify the United States, by and through EPA, and each Beneficiary, and publish on its website, a report indicating: (i) the Remainder Balance; and (ii) which of the Beneficiaries has demonstrated that it had in fact expended at least 80% of the funds allocated to it pursuant to the Final Allocation Rates calculated pursuant to subparagraph 5.0.1, each of which shall be deemed a "Supplemental Funding Eligible Beneficiary."

5.4.4 Distribution of Remainder Balance to Supplemental Funding Eligible Beneficiaries. On the later of: (i) 180 Days after the tenth anniversary of the Trust Effective Date, or (ii) the resolution of any disputes arising from the Trustee's accountings or determinations pursuant to subparagraphs 5.4.1 or 5.4.3, the Remainder Balance shall be divided among the Supplemental Funding Eligible Beneficiaries in accordance with their weighted share of the Final Allocation Rates.

5.4.5 Final Disposition of State Trust Assets. Not later than the fifteenth anniversary of the Trust Effective Date, any unused funds held by any Beneficiary shall be returned to the State Trust. After the fifteenth anniversary of the Trust Effective Date, any Trust Assets held in the State Trust Account or any subaccount (including, but not limited to, the Trust Administration Cost Subaccount) that are not needed for final Trust Administration Costs shall be deemed to have been donated by the State Trust to fund

Eligible Mitigation Actions administered by Federal Agencies that have custody, control, or management of land in the United States that is impacted by excess NO_x emissions (including, but not limited to, Clean Air Act Class I and II areas) and that have the legal authority to accept such funds, in accordance with instructions to be provided by the United States. If no such Federal Agencies exist, the United States will file a motion, with notice to the Defendants and the Beneficiaries, requesting the Court to order that any Trust Assets held in the State Trust Account (or any subaccount thereof) be distributed either to a governmental unit or to another trust, the income of which is excluded from gross income under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 115, 26 U.S.C. § 115.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

6.0 Correspondence with State Trust: In accordance with subparagraph 3.1.2.3, the Trustee shall establish and maintain a secure method of internet-based communications for the use of the Trustee and the Beneficiaries that will: (1) enable each Beneficiary to deliver the required documentation under this State Trust Agreement in an electronic format; (2) enable secure communications between the Trustee and each Beneficiary; and (3) provide each Beneficiary with access to its own document base. In addition, each Beneficiary will have the ability to view its own balance in its individual subaccount via the Wilmington Trust Online Portfolio product or a similar product then in use.

6.0.1 Addresses for Delivery of Physical Copies of Documentation and Notices.

State Trust or Trustee:

Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries,
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c/o Wilmington Trust, N.A. as Trustee
Wilmington Trust, National Association
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1100 North Market Street
Attn: Capital Markets & Agency Services
Wilmington, DE 19890
Facsimile: 302 636-4145

EPA:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
William J. Clinton South Building
MC 2242A
Washington, DC 20460
E-mail: VW_settlement@epa.gov

U.S. Department of Justice:

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section
Re: DJ # 90-5-2-1-11386
Environment and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 7611
Washington, DC 20044-7611
E-mail: eescdcopy.enrd@usdoj.gov
Re: DJ # 90-5-2-1-11386

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38440 Wolfsburg, Germany
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With copies to each of the following:

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Attention: Group General Counsel

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Herndon, VA 20171
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Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations, LLC
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As to Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG by mail:

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche Aktiengesellschaft
Porscheplatz 1

D-70435 Stuttgart
Attention: GR/ Rechtsabteilung/ General Counsel

As to Porsche Cars North America, Inc.:

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With copy by email to: offsecy@porsche.us

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6.1 Jurisdiction: The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California shall be the sole and exclusive forum for the purposes of enforcing this State Mitigation Trust and resolving disputes hereunder, including the obligations of the Trustee to perform its obligations hereunder,

and each of the Consent Decree Parties, the State Mitigation Trust, the Trustee, and each Beneficiary, expressly consents to such jurisdiction.

6.2 Dispute Resolution: Unless otherwise expressly provided for herein, the dispute resolution procedures of this Paragraph shall be the exclusive mechanism to resolve any dispute between or among the entities listed in Appendix D-1 and Appendix D-1A hereto, the Consent Decree Parties, and the Trustee arising under or with respect to this State Trust Agreement.

6.2.1 Informal Dispute Resolution. Any dispute subject to Dispute Resolution under this State Trust Agreement shall first be the subject of informal negotiations. The dispute shall be considered to have arisen when the disputing party sends to the counterparty a written Notice of Dispute. Such Notice of Dispute shall state clearly the matter in dispute. The period of informal negotiations shall not exceed 30 Days from the date the dispute arises, unless that period is modified by written agreement. If the disputing parties cannot resolve the dispute by informal negotiations, then the disputing party may invoke formal dispute resolution procedures as set forth below.

6.2.2 Formal Dispute Resolution. The disputing party shall invoke formal dispute resolution procedures, within the time period provided in the preceding subparagraph, by serving on the counterparty a written Statement of Position regarding the matter in dispute. The Statement of Position shall include, but need not be limited to, any factual data, analysis, or opinion supporting the disputing party's position and any supporting documentation and legal authorities relied upon by the disputing party. The counterparty shall serve its Statement of Position within 30 Days of receipt of the disputing party's Statement of Position, which shall also include, but need not be limited to, any factual data, analysis, or opinion supporting the counterparty's position and any supporting documentation and legal authorities relied upon by the counterparty. If the disputing parties are unable to consensually resolve the dispute within 30 Days after the counterparty serves its Statement of Position on the disputing party, the disputing party may file with the Court a motion for judicial review of the dispute in accordance with the following subparagraph.

6.2.3 Judicial Review. The disputing party may seek judicial review of the dispute by filing with the Court and serving on the counterparty and the United States, a motion requesting judicial resolution of the dispute. The motion must be filed within 45 Days of receipt of the counterparty's Statement of Position pursuant to the preceding subparagraph. The motion shall contain a written statement of disputing party's position on the matter in dispute, including any supporting factual data, analysis, opinion, documentation, and legal authorities, and shall set forth the relief requested and any schedule within which the dispute must be resolved for orderly administration of the State Trust. The counterparty shall respond to the motion within the time period allowed by the Local Rules of the Court, and the disputing party may file a reply memorandum, to the extent permitted by the Local Rules.

6.3 Choice of Law: The validity, interpretation, and performance of this State Mitigation Trust shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware and the United States, without giving effect to the rules governing the conflicts of law that would require the application of

the law of another jurisdiction. The duties, rights, protections, and immunities of the Trustee, as a trustee of a statutory trust under the Delaware Act, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware and the United States, without giving effect to the rules governing the conflicts of law that would require the application of the law of another jurisdiction. This State Trust Agreement shall not be subject to any provisions of the Uniform Trust Code as adopted by any State, now or in the future. This State Trust Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Consent Decree, provided, however, that in the event of a conflict between the Consent Decree and this State Trust Agreement, this State Trust Agreement shall control.

6.4 Waiver of Jury Trial: Each party hereto and each Beneficiary hereof hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this State Trust.

6.5 Modification: Material modifications to the State Mitigation Trust or Appendix D-2 (Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action Expenditures) may be made only with the written consent of the United States and upon order of the Court, and only to the extent that such modification does not change or inhibit the purpose of this State Mitigation Trust. Any modification of this State Mitigation Trust that affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations, liabilities, or indemnities of the Trustee requires the written consent of the Trustee. Minor modifications or clarifying amendments to the State Mitigation Trust, Appendix D-2 (Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action Expenditures) or Appendix D-4 (Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification) may be made upon written agreement between the United States and the Trustee, as necessary to enable the Trustee to effectuate the provisions of this State Mitigation Trust, and shall be filed with the Court. To the extent the consent of the Defendants is required to effectuate the modification or amendment, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, without the express written consent of the Defendants, no modification shall: (i) require the Defendants to make any payments to the State Trust other than the Mitigation Trust Payments required by the Consent Decree; or (ii) impose any greater obligation on Defendants than those set forth in the State Trust Agreement that is being modified. The Trustee shall provide to the Beneficiaries not less than 30 Days' notice of any proposed modification to the State Mitigation Trust, whether material or minor, before such modification shall become effective.

6.6 Severability: If any provision of this State Trust Agreement or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be finally determined by the Court to be invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this State Trust Agreement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and such provision of this State Trust Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6.7 Taxes: The State Trust is intended to be a qualified settlement fund ("QSF") pursuant to Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 468B, and related Treasury Regulations. The Trustee is intended to be the State Trust's "administrator," within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-2(k)(3), 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-2(k)(3). The Trustee shall use its best efforts to submit, within six months after the Trust Effective Date, an application and all necessary supporting documentation to the IRS to obtain a Private Letter Ruling from the IRS:

(1) that the State Mitigation Trust will be treated as a Qualified Settlement Fund under 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1; (2) that all investment income earned on the Trust Assets will be excludible from gross income under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 115; and (3) on any federal tax matter that the Tax Professionals reasonably believe is necessary to support the rulings in (1) and (2) or otherwise prudent to clarify an uncertain application of federal tax law to the State Mitigation Trust. Within ten Days after any application has been made to the IRS, the Trustee shall provide a copy of the application and accompanying documentation to the United States (pursuant to subparagraph 6.0.1) and to the Beneficiaries (pursuant to the secure internet-based communication in Paragraph 6.0). Within seven Days after receipt of any IRS Private Letter Ruling, the Trustee shall provide a copy to the United States (pursuant to subparagraph 6.0.1) and the Beneficiaries (pursuant to the secure internet-based communication established in Paragraph 6.0). If the IRS determines that the investment income earned on Trust Assets is taxable, the Trustee, the Investment Manager, the United States, and the State Beneficiaries shall meet and confer to discuss possible resolutions to this issue, and may seek a modification of this State Trust Agreement as appropriate pursuant to Paragraph 6.5. The Trustee shall be responsible for filing all required Tax Returns, ensuring compliance with income tax withholding and reporting requirements, and paying applicable Taxes with respect to the State Trust in a manner consistent with Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 468B, and related Treasury Regulations. All Taxes shall be paid from amounts on deposit in the Tax Payment Subaccount established pursuant to subparagraph 2.1.5. The Defendants shall provide to the Trustee and the IRS the statement described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-3(e)(2), 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-3(e)(2), no later than February 15th of the year following each calendar year in which the Settling Defendants make a transfer to the State Trust.

6.8 Termination: After all funds have been expended pursuant to subparagraph 5.4.5, final reports have been delivered pursuant to Paragraph 3.3 and subparagraph 3.3.1, and notice regarding retained documents has been provided pursuant to subparagraph 3.3.2, the Trustee may file a motion with the Court requesting an order to begin the process under the Delaware Act to terminate this State Trust. The United States and the Beneficiaries shall be given not less than 60 Days to oppose such motion. After the Court approves the motion to terminate, the Trustee shall begin the dissolution and winding up processes under the Delaware Act. On the date that the Trustee completes all the statutory requirements under the Delaware Act and files a certificate of cancellation, this State Trust shall terminate (the “Termination Date”).

FOR THE VOLKSWAGEN DIESEL EMISSIONS ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES, PUERTO RICO, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE VOLKSWAGEN DIESEL EMISSIONS ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES, PUERTO RICO, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

DATED: October 2, 2017 BY: 

Name:

Title:

David A. Vanaskey, Jr.
Vice President

By their execution of this State Trust Agreement each undersigned party represents that they are authorized signer for such Company entitled to sign on behalf of each Settling Defendant and that each of the Settling Defendants have taken all necessary corporate actions required to make this a legal, valid and binding obligation of each such Settling Defendant.

FOR VOLKSWAGEN AG:

Date: September 25, 2017



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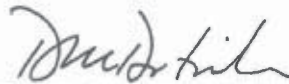
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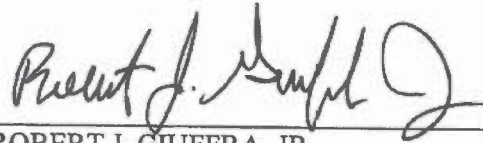
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